



IN THE COURTS

EX-WIFE'S LESBIANISM JUSTIFIES TERMINATION OF ALIMONY

Sexual orientation of ex-wife constitutes in itself a material change of circumstances; ex-husband awarded child custody.

A Minnesota District Court holds that a husband, who agreed in a 1972 Ohio separation agreement which was incorporated into a final divorce decree that he would pay his ex-wife, who was only 30 at the time, \$130 per month "until such time as she remarries or dies, whichever occurs first," will not have to make payments after July 1, 1980, when the ex-wife hopefully becomes financially independent. The court says that when the husband signed the separation agreement he did not realize that remarriage would not be a realistic possibility for his ex-wife. This is the kind of change of circumstances necessary to warrant ending contractual alimony. The assumptions of the agreement are no longer valid.

The court also holds that the husband, a fit and proper person should be awarded custody of his two children, with reasonable visitation by the mother. (Anonymous v. Anonymous, 11/15/78)

Digest of Opinion: The parties were divorced in Ohio, February 17, 1972. Custody of the children was awarded to the wife. But, in December 1973, at the husband's request the wife returned to the marital home where they lived with their two children until October 1975, but never remarried. Some time in early 1976, the ex-husband introduced his former wife to a single woman. The three socialized and the ex-wife and woman became close friends.

One summer afternoon that year, the ex-husband came home to find his former wife and her new-found friend in a compromising position in the bedroom. After much discussion, the ex-husband agreed to leave the home and to allow the other woman to stay there with the couple's two boys.

On September 24, 1976, the couple signed a property agreement which provided that the ex-husband would lease the marital home to the two women and that he would pay \$120 per month in child support.

But in January 1977, the children said that they did not like the living arrangements, therefore the husband returned to the home on February 1, 1977. The two women moved out leaving the children behind.

The ex-husband is now suing the wife for permanent custody of the children, child support and forgiveness of past and future alimony. The former wife seeks alimony arrearages, permanent custody and confirmation of her right to future alimony.

[Text] Alimony which has been awarded pursuant to stipulation will be terminated only on the basis of a substantial change in circumstances in one or both parties. Ramsay v. Ramsay, 305 Minn. 321, 233 N.W. 2d 729 (1975). ***

There is nothing in the relative financial conditions of the parties which would justify a termination of alimony.

There has been, however, a basic change in the assumptions which underlie the stipulation: defendant has discovered that her sexual orientation is lesbian. She has entered into an apparently stable love relationship with a woman friend.

At the time of the 1972 divorce plaintiff could have realistically assumed that defendant would remarry. Defendant was 30 years old. Plaintiff would not have entered into a stipulation to pay alimony until defendant remarried or died had he realize remarriage was or would become impossible.

Defendant's post-decree lesbianism is a material change in circumstances which justifies the termination of alimony.

The choice of July 1, 1980, as a termination date is necessarily arbitrary, but one would expect defendant to be fully self-supporting by then.

The agreement of September 24, 1978, not being a permanent waiver, plaintiff had no legal justification for not paying alimony between March 1, 1977, and July 1, 1978, and judgment is entered against him in full for all arrearages. No arrearage exists for February, 1977, as plaintiff apparently paid an installment of child support that month.

The September 24, 1976, agreement was not an arm's-length business contract. That it did not work was not due to wilful breach but due to impossibility of performance: the two children couldn't stand living as part of the *** household.

To hold either woman liable for damages for not staying in the house with the children, against the children's will, would be absurd. Besides, the value to plaintiff in getting back his house and children vastly outweighs any costs he may have incurred in living separately. [End Text] —Summers, J.

(Anonymous v. Anonymous; Ramsey CtyMinn DistCt 2dDist, 11/15/78)

LEGAL EDUCATION IS HELD NOT TO BE COMMUNITY PROPERTY

Decision not to set termination date for California spousal support is also upheld; law firm interest correctly computed

The California Court of Appeal, First District, rejects a wife's argument that her husband's legal education is, to the extent that it was acquired during the marriage, a community asset subject to valuation and division in a dissolution action. The court says it is settled that not every property right acquired by either spouse during marriage is included within community property, and it is satisfied that a professional education should not be so characterized.

Ruling on other issues raised in this cross-appeal, the court decides that \$1,000 per month spousal support is

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THE WOMAN IDENTIFIED-WOMAN

What is a lesbian? A lesbian is the rage of all women condensed to the point of explosion. She is the woman who, often beginning at an extremely early age, acts in accordance with her inner compulsion to be a more complete and freer human being than her society - perhaps then, but certainly later - cares to allow her. These needs and actions, over a period of years, bring her into painful conflict with people, situations, the accepted ways of thinking, feeling and behaving, until she is in a state of continual war with everything around her, and usually with herself. She may not be fully conscious of the political implications of what for her begins as personal necessity, but on some level she has not been able to accept the limitations and oppression laid on her by the most basic role of her society - the female role. The turmoil she experiences tends to induce guilt proportional to the degree to which she feels she is not meeting social expectations, and/or eventually drives her to question and analyse what the rest of her society more or less accepts. She is forced to evolve her own life pattern, often living much of her life alone, learning usually much earlier than her "straight" (heterosexual) sisters about the essential aloneness of life (which the myth of marriage obscures) and about the reality of illusions. To the extent that she cannot expel the heavy socialization that goes with being female, she can never truly find peace with herself. For she is caught somewhere between accepting society's view of her - in which case she cannot accept herself, and coming to understand what this sexist society has done to her and why it is functional and necessary for it to do so. Those of us who work that through find ourselves on the other side of a tortuous journey through a night that may have been decades long. The perspective gained from that journey, the liberation of self, the inner peace, the real love of self and of all women, is something to be shared with all women - because we are all women.

It should first be understood that lesbianism, like male homosexuality, is a category of behaviour possible only in a sexist society characterized by rigid sex roles and dominated by male supremacy. Those sex roles dehumanize women by defining us as a supportive/serving caste IN RELATION TO the master cast of men, and emotionally cripple men by demanding that they be alienated from their own bodies and emotions in order to perform their economic/political/military functions effectively. Homosexuality is a by-product of a particular way of setting up roles (or approved patterns of behaviour) on the basis of sex; as such it is an inauthentic (not consonant with "reality") category. In a society in which men do not oppress women, and sexual expression is allowed to follow feelings, the categories of homosexuality and heterosexuality would disappear.

But lesbianism is also different from male homosexuality, and serves a different function in the society. "Dyke" is a different kind of put-down from "faggot", although both imply you are not playing your socially assigned sex role...are not therefore a "real woman" or a "real man". The grudging admiration felt for the tomboy, and the queasiness felt around a sissy boy point to the same thing: the contempt in which women - or those who play a female role - are held. And the investment in keeping women in that contemptuous role is very great. Lesbian is the word, the label, the condition that holds women in line. When a woman hears this word tossed her way, she knows she is stepping out of line. She knows that she has crossed the terrible boundary of her sex role. She recoils, she protests, she reshapes her actions to gain approval. Lesbian is a label invented by the Man to throw at any woman who dares to be his equal, who dares to challenge his prerogatives (including that of all women as part of the exchange medium among men), who dares to assert the primacy of her own needs. To have

the label applied to people active in women's liberation is just the most recent instance of a long history; older women will recall that not so long ago, any woman who was successful, independent, not orienting her whole life about a man, would hear this word. For in this sexist society, for a woman to be independent means she CAN'T BE a woman - she must be a dyke. That in itself should tell us where women are at. It says as clearly as can be said: women and person are contradictory terms. For a lesbian is not considered a "real woman." And yet, in popular thinking, there is really only one essential difference between a lesbian and other women: that of sexual orientation - which is to say, when you strip off all the packaging, you must finally realize that the essence of being a "woman" is to get fucked by men.

"Lesbian" is one of the sexual categories by which men have divided up humanity. While all women are dehumanized as sex objects, as the objects of men they are given certain compensations: identification with his power, his ego, his status, his protection (from other males), feeling like a "real woman", finding social acceptance by adhering to her role, etc. Should a woman confront herself by confronting another woman, there are fewer rationalizations, fewer buffers by which to avoid the stark horror of her dehumanized condition. Herein we find the overriding fear of many women towards being used as a sexual object by a woman, which not only will bring her no male-connected compensations, but also will reveal the void which is woman's real situation. This dehumanization is expressed when a straight woman learns that a sister is a lesbian; she begins to relate to her lesbian sister as her potential sex object, laying a surrogate male role on the lesbian. This reveals her heterosexual conditioning to make herself into an object when sex is potentially involved in a relationship, and it denies the lesbian her full humanity. For women, especially those in the movement, to perceive their lesbian sisters through this male grid of role definitions is to accept this male cultural conditioning and to oppress their sisters much as they themselves have been oppressed by men. Are we going to continue the male classification system of defining all females in sexual relation to some other category of people? Affixing the label lesbian not only to a woman who aspires to be a person, but also to any situation of real love, real solidarity, real primacy among women is a primary form of divisiveness among women: it is the condition which keeps women within the confines of the feminine role, and it is the debunking/scare term that keeps women from forming any primary attachments, groups, or associations among ourselves.

Women in the movement have in most cases gone to great lengths to avoid discussion and confrontation with the issue of lesbianism. It puts people up-tight. They are hostile, evasive, or try to incorporate it into some "broader issue." They would rather not talk about it. If they have to, they try to dismiss it as a "lavender herring." But it is no side issue. It is absolutely essential to the success and fulfillment to the women's liberation movement that this issue be dealt with. As long as the label "dyke" can be used to frighten women into a less militant stand, keep her separate from her sisters, keep her from giving primacy to anything other than men and family - then to that extent she is controlled by the male culture. Until women see in each other the possibility of a primal commitment which includes sexual love, they will be denying themselves the love and value they readily accord to men, thus affirming their second-class status. As long as male acceptability is primary - both to individual women and to the movement as a whole - the term lesbian will be used effectively against women. Insofar as women want only more privileges within the system, they do not want to antagonize male power. They instead seek acceptability for women's

liberation, and the most crucial aspect of the acceptability is to deny lesbianism - i.e., deny any fundamental challenge to the basis of the female. It should also be asid that some younger, more radical women have honestly begun to discuss lesbianism, but so far it has been primarily as a sexual "alternative" to men. This, however, is still giving primacy to men, both because the idea of relating more completely to women occurs as a negative reaction to men, and because the lesbian relationship is being characterized simply by sex which is divisive and sexist. On one level, which is both personal and political, women may withdraw emotional and sexual energies from men, and work out various alternatives for those energies in their own lives. On a different political/psychological level, it must be understood that what is crucial is that women begin disengaging from male-defined response patterns. In the privacy of our own psyches, we must cut those cords to the core. For irrespective of where our love and sexual energies flow, if we are male-identified in our heads, we cannot realize our autonomy as human beings.

But why is it that women have related to and through men? By virtue of having been brought up in a male society, we have internalized the male culture's definition of ourselves. That definition consigns us to sexual and family functions, and excludes us from defining and shaping the terms of our lives. In exchange for our psychic servicing and for performing society's non-profit-making functions, the man confers on us just one thing: the slave status which makes us legitimate in the eyes of the society in which we live. This is called "femininity" or "being a real woman" in our cultural lingo. We are authentic, legitimate, real to the extent that we are the property of some man whose name we bear. To be a woman who belongs to no man is to be invisible, pathetic, inauthentic, unreal. He confirms his image of us - of what we have to be in order to be acceptable by him - but not our real selves; he confirms our womanhood - as he defines it, in relation to him -but cannot confirm our personhood, our own selves as absolutes.

The consequence of internalizing this role is an enormous reservoir of self-hate. This is not to say the self-hate is recognized or accepted as such; indeed most women would deny it. It may be experienced as discomfort with her role, as feeling empty, as numbness, as restlessness, a paralyzing anxiety at the center. Alternatively, it may be expressed in shrill defensiveness of the glory and destiny of her role. But it does exits, often beneath the edge of her consciousness, poisoning her existence, keeping her alienated from herself, her own needs, and rendering her a stranger to other women. They try to escape by identifying with the oppressor, living through him, gaining status and identity from his ego, his power, his accomplishments. And by not identifying with other "empty vessels" like themselves. Women resist relating on all levels to other women who will reflect their own oppression, their own secondary status, their own self-hate. For to confront another woman is finally to confront one's self - the self we have gone to such lengths to avoid. And in that mirror we know we cannot really respect and love that which we have been made to be.

As the source of self-hate and the lack of real self are rooted in our male-given identity, we must create a new sense of self. As long as we cling to the idea of "being a woman," we will sense some conflict with that incipient self, that sense of I, that sense of a whole person. It is very difficult to realize and accept that being "feminine" and being a whole person are

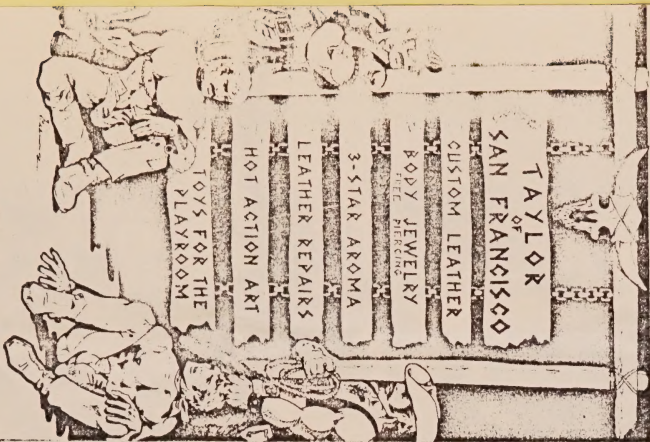
irreconcilable. Only women can give to each other a new sense of self. That identity we have to develop with reference to ourselves, and not in relation to men. This consciousness is the revolutionary force from which all else will follow, for ours is an organic revolution. For this we must be available and supportive to one another, give our commitment and our love, give the emotional support necessary to sustain this movement. Our energies must flow toward our sisters, not backwards toward our oppressors. As long as woman's liberation tries to free women without facing the basic heterosexual structure that binds us in one-to-one relationship with our oppressors, tremendous energies will continue to flow into trying to straighten up each particular relationship with a man, how to get better sex, how to turn his head around - into trying to make the "new man" out of him, in the delusion that this will allow us to be the "new woman." This obviously splits out energies and commitments, leaving us unable to be committed to the construction of the new patterns which will liberate us.

It is the primacy of women relating to women, of women creating a new consciousness of and with each other which is at the heart of women's liberation, and the basis for the cultural revolution. Together we must find, reinforce and validate our authentic selves. As we do this, we confirm in each other that struggling incipient sense of pride and strength, the divisive barriers begin to melt, we feel this growing solidarity with our sisters. We see ourselves as prime, find our centers inside of ourselves. We find receding the sense of alienation, of being cut off, of being behind a locked window, of being unable to get out what we know is inside. We feel a real-ness, felt at last we are coinciding with ourselves. With that real self, with that consciousness, we begin a revolution to end the imposition of all coercive identifications, and to achieve maximum autonomy in human expression.

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Lavender	Group Sex, Top	Group Sex, Bottom
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High Sierra, Low Desert Kick Off '80 Season

Sequoia Winter Sports Mar. 7-9

by Jim Schultz

A glacier carved wonderland of granite mountains, deep canyons and jewel-like lakes and waterfalls is the backdrop for the mighty Sequoia, the largest living thing in the world. The Sequoias have survived for millions of years, existing perhaps even longer than the Sierra-Nevada itself. In this wilderness setting, Great Outdoors plans a variety of adventurous winter activities March 7-9, 1980.

Ash Mountain Headquarters, the only winter access to Sequoia National Park, lies 45 minutes East of Visalia, CA, at the end of Highway 198. The Park is open year around, offering a variety of winter activities for the great outdoorsperson.

Camping - For those choosing to camp in the brisk spring air, nestled among the chaparral are free camping facilities 3 miles above Ash Mountain at Potwisha Campground. This grassy cove, located below the snow line at 2100 feet elevation, gently slopes to meet the middle fork of the Kaweah River. From this general vicinity, one may venture along any of 7 hiking trails ranging from 3-9 miles in length, allowing elevation raises of 750-2,000 feet. These trails offer an opportunity to view a part of nature's changing season.

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Joshua Tree Mar. 21-23

For those who appreciate the special beauty of the desert, no place quite matches where the high desert meets the low: Joshua Tree National Monument. Here is the home of vegetation which can grow nowhere else in the world. Nights are clear and pleasant, days warm yet crisp during March. Rock formations invite climbs, and suddenly you're looking down upon the Coachella Valley to the Salton Sea.

Great Outdoors will visit Joshua Tree March 21-23. We have reserved the Sheep Pass group campground near the Monument's Center. The site has restrooms, picnic tables and fireplaces (which must be used for all fires, including nightly campfire circles). Both firewood (or charcoal) and a water supply should be

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The following individuals have helped to strengthen Great Outdoors during the preceding month with generous gifts of their time and money:

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Welcome to the 80's!

Great Outdoors was formed in early 1978 by a group of students associated with the UCLA and Long Beach State Gay Athlete's Unions. Members of the largely-closeted Athletes Unions were participating in weekend outings as our sole activity. Some of us felt that if opened to the general gay public, such a program would be a valuable addition to the community. We did and it was.

The Great Outdoors of the '80's will first and foremost learn from its mistakes of the past. We have made some changes that leave us with a simple and clean cut program. Rather than our preparing meals or carpools on outings, we are assisting our members in doing this for themselves by sponsoring pre-outing gatherings called Warm-Ups (see article page 3). This cuts bureaucracy and costs a lot and allows folks to tailor two intimate areas - food and travel - to their individual tastes.

Finally, we are proud to have as a major part of our renewed club this magazine. Through it, we will communicate monthly with many thousands of potential gay outdoors lovers the programs we are planning. Besides this, GO! will serve as an umbrella publication for the entire statewide gay outdoors movement. In coming issues we will feature stories on the earliest gay outdoors club (would you believe 1951) in California and an all-lesbian town up north. A bulletin board column will offer notices of small groups and individuals getting together for whatever in the outdoors and a "briefs" column will ring news of other clubs' outdoors adventures.

Our club is leading a vital new movement here in California. GO! is reporting it. We hope you'll join us in the Great Outdoors.

Greg Carmack

1980 Season Is Announced

Weekend outings for 1980 have been in planning for almost a year. As organizers for Great Outdoors have traveled the state scouting California's most breath-taking terrain, we have discovered backcountry locations virtually untravelled by the general public. Add these to a variety of more developed sites and you have a 1980 program with something for everyone.

Articles in this GO! issue describe our March-April outings to Sequoia, Joshua Tree, Big Sur River and Lake Mead.

During May, our backpack and camping lovers will enjoy camping near Mt. Tamalpais (16-18) with hiking to Muir Woods and Stinson Beach. Our Grand Canyon trip over Memorial Day weekend will see groups camping inside both the North and South Rim, small backpacking groups of 15 will hike to the Colorado River, and a group of hearties will cross the Canyon one way. A limited number of two-day mule trips will be offered.

June 15-22, a group will tour the mountain backcountry of the Los Padres Forest near Big Sur for a week. They will be joined by campers and backpackers coming in for that weekend June 20-22.

The Colorado River at the California-Arizona border will host our campers July 11-13, for boating, waterskiing and other wet fun. Kings Canyon July 25-27 will feature horseback tours, group camping and several smaller backpacking groups in backcountry camps and trails.

During August, we will visit group camps in Angeles National Forest (8-10) and raft, backpack and camp (your choice) the upper Kern River.

Sept. 12-14 will be a weekend for choices: Santa Catalina or wild Anacapa Island? Camp on a



bay or backpack in the wilderness? Learn to sail or scuba dive the reefs? Yosemite will be beginning its changing season when we arrive to camp, enjoy rustic cabins, backpack or horseback tour, Sept. 26-28.

Cleveland National Forest will be warm in October (10-12) and hikers will enjoy the briskness of

Mendocino the 24th-26th. Before season's end, we will all gather at a ranch near Santa Barbara for a two-day barn party shindig and sleepover, with haywagons leaving frequently for crisp moonlight hauls over rolling farmland.

What better way to wrap up your most unforgettable year?

Warm-ups Key to Cutting Costs

We recommend you attend the Warm-Up parties that precede each outing.

The Warm-Ups begin with a social hour for getting acquainted. Because we like to keep these events free, we ask those who can to help out by bringing healthful snacks and liquids, musical instruments like guitars, banjos or harmonicas for jamming, games, etc. We provide cups, coffee and teas.

The main reason for Warm-Ups is to get people acquainted with others who plan to attend outings so that small informal cooking groups and carpools result. This can cut your food and travel costs by 60-70%. We also present a wilderness slide show, brief you on outing details, answer questions and help with cooking and carpool planning.

Novices and those wishing to buff up certain skills are especially invited to the Warm-Ups. Experts lead small group discussions on equipment, safety,

and activities on each outing. Mark your calendar with the following dates for you and your friends:

Southern California - Sequoia Winter Sports Warm-Up is Friday, February 29th from 7:30-10:30 at 1025 Kings Road, #401, in Los Angeles. This is just off Santa Monica near the Mayfair Market.

The Warm-Up before the Joshua Tree Weekend will be a joint gathering with outdoors oriented G.S.F members Friday Mar. 14, also at 1025 Kings Road, #401, in L.A. For this one only please try to R.S.V.P. ahead to either Kevin (weekdays) at 213-658-5857 or by mail to G.O. headquarters.

Northern California - Sequoia Warm-Up Party is Wednesday, February 27, 7:30-10:00 PM in MCC's Social Hall, 150 Eureka (between 18-19th Sts.). Joshua Tree Warm-Up is Wednesday March 12, 7:30-10:00 PM, also in MCC's Social Hall.

Sequoia

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H.Q. Post - Please check in during the weekend at our headquarters in central Potwisha Campground. This will be the information outpost for the weekend, origin of several hikes of varying length, and medic post. Please help us keep driving in the campground to a minimum.

Gear - Campers should bring all necessary gear: food, stove, utensils, wood, flashlight, camera, warm clothes, sleeping bag and tent (4 lb. mountain type ideal), sturdy shoes or boots.

Lodging - For those desiring more of the basics, rustic cabins and lodge/space are available for groups of 4 and 6 in Giant Forest Village. For lodging reservations, call 209-565-3373, inform them of the number in your group and be certain to mention you are with Great Outdoors. Even if you lack enough bodies in your group to fill a 4 or 6 person cabin or room, the clerk will put you with other G.O. members at your request. This saves you money, as group rates will cost you only around \$7.75 per night for a six-person room, and about \$9.50 for a quad.

Picturesque Giant Forest Village, deep in snow at 6500 feet, is the center of Sequoia winter activities. For those who group up to cook in the campground, a grocery is available in the village, with reasonable food and staple costs. Next door is a cafeteria, with surprisingly tasty and low cost items.

Ski-Touring and Snowshoe - A cross country ski touring center is located in the village, which offers equipment rental, lessons, guided tours and snowshoe hikes. The guided cross country ski-tours leave each afternoon, are limited to ten persons each having previous ski-touring experience and take 2-3 hours to cover several miles.

Guided snowshoe tours designed for novices are provided during the weekend and last about 2½ hours, covering two miles.

Ski and snowshoe tours are free of charge and both require reservations, which may be made after February 22 by calling 209-565-3364. There are two levels of cross-country instruction available through the Ski Touring Center. The beginners course is 2 hours at \$7.00; intermediate class is \$13.00 for 4 hours. Reservations are necessary.



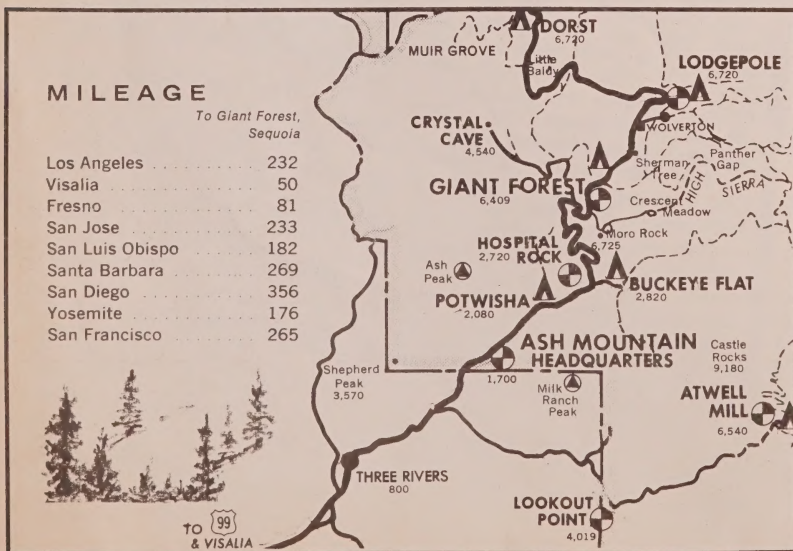
Snowplay and Downhill Skiing -

A network of ski touring trails wind through the giant sequoias, connecting the ski tour center at Giant Forest with the Wolverton Ski and Snowplay area. Here, a large groomed slope is available for tobogganning and sledding. Two rope tows are also in operation for beginning and intermediate downhill skiing. This area is open 9-4:30 weekends, weather permitting and has equipment rental, downhill lessons, a snack bar and warming shelter.

Ski Lessons and Rental -

Lessons in downhill skiing are \$8.00 for two hours at Wolverton. In addition, Great Outdoors trail and camp leaders will be available at the warming hut to introduce novices to more skilled skiers willing to lend a helping hand.

Equipment rental is available at the Beetle Rock Recreation Hall in Giant Forest and at the Wolverton downhill slopes. Persons with access to gear should bring it; rental reservations are recommended at 209-565-3364. Half day rental begins or ends at 1 PM, at \$5. for ski, boots and poles; \$3.50 for skis; \$2. for ski boots; \$1. for poles and \$3. for snowshoes. All day rentals are \$7.00 for ski, boots and poles; \$5. for skis; \$3. for boots; \$1.50 for poles; \$5. for snowshoes.



Winter Safety - Highways above 4,000 feet in elevation are often icy and slick. Use caution and reduce speed under these conditions. Do not use plowed roads for snowplay, and be especially careful when passing pedestrians on mountain roads. To avoid any delay on snowy and icy roads, you really must carry tire chains to fit your tires anytime you visit the mountains in winter. Gas, oil and anti-freeze are at Lodgepole near Giant Forest; emergency tire chains and anti-freeze are at Giant Forest Cafeteria Gift Shop. Call 209-565-3341 for road service.

Campers wishing to cook in groups and those wishing to carpool to save even more dollars should plan to attend our informal Warm-Up parties held before each outing. Warm-up for Northern California is February 27, Wednesday, 7:30 -10 PM at MCC, 150 Eureka (between 18th and 19th); Southlanders gather February 29, Friday, from 7:30-10:30 at 1025 Kings Rd. # 401 (Santa Monica Bl. near Mayfair Market); Fresnans call Jim at 209-227-8717

Campfire - A community campfire will occur nightly near the center of Potwisha Campground. Those into banjo, guitar, harmonica and such should feel free to jam. Campfire is a casual event traditional at all G.O. outings, and is a fine time to meet many of the number of gay folk who will be coming to this beautiful winter haven for our first outing of the 80's.

Joshua Tree

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brought along. (Water runs will be made daily to 29 Palms). Other items to bring include a set of both warm and cool clothing, good hiking shoes, a sleeping bag, small tent (optional), camera, sunglasses, utensils, and supplies for individual or group cooking, and a good map.

We encourage all participants to register in advance for outings; at-site registration should be only for those occasions where you decide within the last 7 days prior to the event to attend. We take special care to reserve overflow space on our camping trips, which in this case is at the Indian Cove group site near Joshua Tree township. Please be sure to stop by our Headquarters Outposts near the center of Sheep's Pass campground to let us know you've arrived Friday night or Saturday morning. Organized hiking groups will also make periodic departures from this location, and our central campfire ring will be here each evening.

To get to Joshua Tree National Monument, drive east from Los Angeles via Interstate 10 to 29 Palms Highway (Rte. 62) and the North Entrance at Joshua Tree or 29 Palms, or continue on I-10 to the Cottonwood Spring entrance 25 miles East of Indio. Follow the signs to Sheep Pass campground, two campsites eastbound from the Pinto Wye three way intersection.

Pets are allowed on this weekend, but should be kept on a leash at all times.

Joshua Tree Warm-Ups -

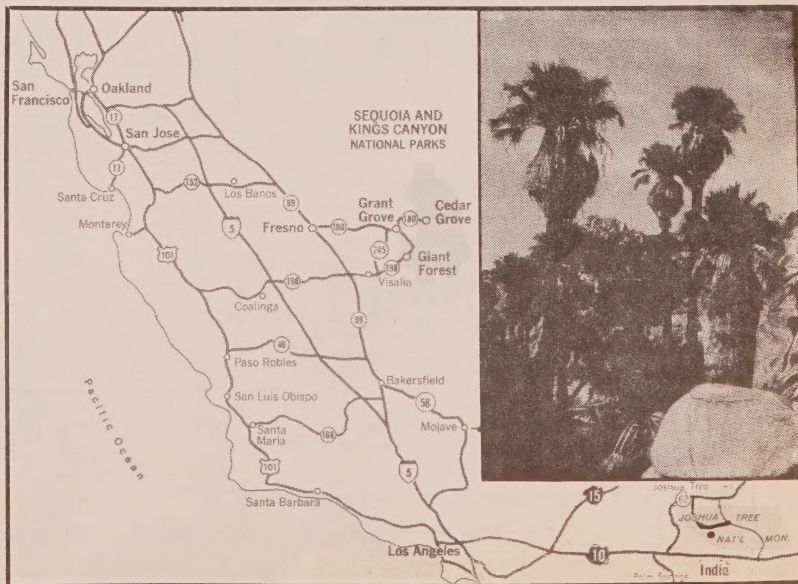
This outing will be an excellent opportunity for getting into a cooking group and/or carpool to further cut your costs. This is done at the outing Warm-Up held just before the event, where interested folks can learn more about our club, our upcoming outings, and get to know each other in an informal atmosphere.

Warm-ups prior to Joshua Tree outing are as follows:

Northern Calif. will meet on Wednesday, March 12 at 7:30 PM in MCC's Social Hall, 150 Eureka (bet. 18-19th) in San Francisco.

Southern California will warm up Friday, March 14 at a special gathering held jointly with outdoors oriented G.S.F. members. The location is 1025 Kings Road, #401, Los Angeles; time is 7:30 PM. If possible, please r.s.v.p. to Kevin at (213) 658-5857 days, or by mail or phone to the G.O. office in Riverside. No charge; we will pass a hat as a way of thanking our hosts.

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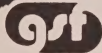
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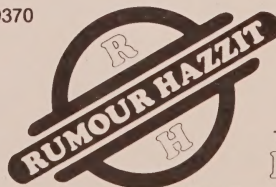


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April Big Sur River, Lake Mead Events Set

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Depending on your curiosity and condition, you can choose between remote, almost-untouched sites along the upper tributaries of the Big Sur River, or the deep swimming holes along the lower Big Sur at Ventana Camp, the first group of sites along the trail.

All the camps are in the Redwoods, but none equal the cathedral-like majesty of the giant trees at Terrace Creek Camp. For those of you who wish to "take the waters", there is a fine hot spring, with a number of pools, just downstream from Sykes Camp,

10 miles from the trailhead. Or you might want to lounge in the sun at the most spacious of the camps, Barlow Flats. Good swimming is happening there, too, where old-time homesteaders once held week-long barbeques before the turn of the century.

So, whether rock-climber, botanist, or just plain nature-lover, you'll want to come on this trip. Hope to tie in with you on the trail!

- Jeff Norman

Vast expanses of clear water, stark and colorful desert landscapes, clean air and ideal climate make the Lake Mead area a welcome spot in our polluted, jet-age world. This mammoth lake features a 550 mile shoreline, consisting of wide gravel beaches, shadowed coves and steep canyon walls.

Great Outdoors folk taking in this weekend will enjoy endless opportunities for swimming, scuba diving, fishing, boating water-skiing and desert terrain hiking and rock climbing. The event is one of the few in 1980

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In Brief

We are seeking an electric typewriter, telephone answering machine, drafting table and tools for loan, rent or trade. Call or write statewide headquarters.

Persons wishing to loan, sell or buy outdoors gear should write a brief ad for our Bulletin Board beginning next issue.

Great Outdoors Adventures, Unlimited began in April of 1979 as a San Francisco based alternative offering camping, backpacking, rafting, skiing and other year around activities. GOA prepares meals and arranges carpools on most weekends, and features extended trips (Hawaii, Provincetown) and social events like dinners and coffeehouses.

Some upcoming GOA trips include a massage workshop at Orrs Hot Springs, Feb. 15-17, a games weekend at Fife's Resort, Feb. 29-Mar 2, and a fun train to Lake Tahoe for skiing Mar. 14-17. For additional info, write GOA, Unlmted. at 433 Waller, San Francisco 94117; 415-621-5336.

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Signed: _____ Date: _____

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Lake Mead

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where we will camp in a large group campground (at Boulder Beach), although those wishing to spread out to other lake camping spots will doubtless find other club individualists.

More details on both the Big Sur River and Lake Mead outings are forthcoming in March's GO! issue, including the hosts and times of warm-up gatherings around the state preceding the events. Persons interested in water-skiing or boating at Lake Mead will especially want to attend the pre-outing gatherings in your area to learn about inexpensive boat and equipment rentals near our Boulder Beach Group Campground. Scuba divers will also meet briefly at the gatherings.

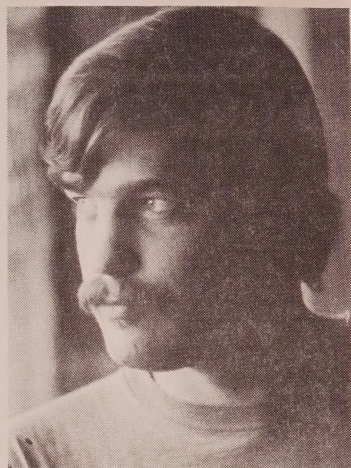
As with all Great Outdoors outings, an emphasis will be placed on assisting beginners in each of the skill areas they wish to explore. The warm-up gatherings prior to each outing provide excellent opportunities to get basic information and meet our trail and camp leaders, instructors and other helping hands.

Wilderness Courses to Educate Season's Trail, Camp Leaders

So that our camping and backpack groups on each outing can stay relatively small, we normally have several such groups on each event. Those members of the club with outdoors experience are encouraged to join our team of trail and camp leaders.

We put our TCL's through a thorough training regimen, supervised by Great Outdoors' statewide trails chief Jeff Norman, a U.S. Forest Ranger at Big Sur. Jeff hosts periodic wilderness leadership weekends that cover basic wilderness living, safety, environmental impacting, rescue and field organization.

When training is completed, Trail and Camp Leaders are awarded lifetime Great Outdoors membership. TCL's are then on call when available to provide leadership on weekend outings, at Warm-Up gatherings and occasionally as a GO representative before other clubs. They attend



Trails Chief Jeff Norman

outings without fees, and have food and carpooling share expenses paid by the club when attending as a Trail or Camp Leader.

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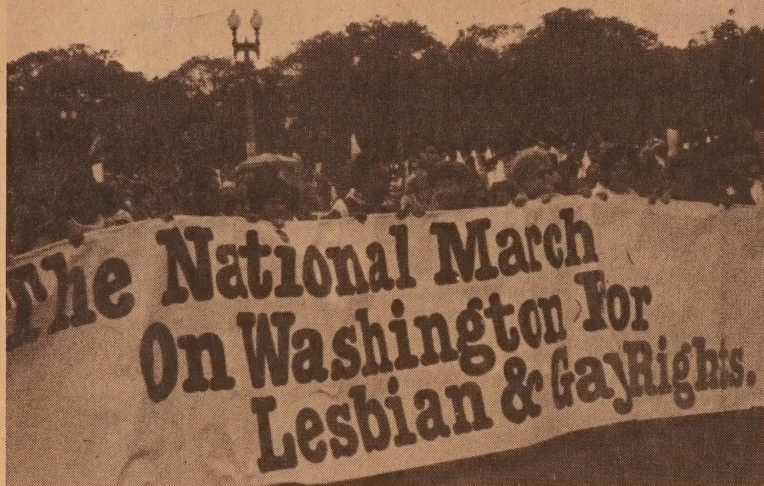
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Thousands March on Washington in National Protest



Third World Women lead off the March. —Photo by Greg Byrd

It was not a gentle tap. What reverberated through Washington, D.C. on October 14 was instead a loud and insistent knock by the nation's aggrieved homosexual minority on the doors of Congress, the White House, and the American body politic at large. The event was the National March for Lesbian and Gay Rights, the issue was anti-gay discrimination, and the combination was enough to attract tens of thousands of people—as many as a quarter of a million by one estimate — from not only all across the country, but from all around the world as well.

"We're 20-million strong and we're not going to ask any more, we're demanding America, that you deal with us." Arlie Scott, former vice president of NOW, addressing the March on Washington rally.

A dream of and a posthumous tribute to slain San Francisco supervisor Harvey Milk, the march was a watershed in the history of the contemporary gay rights

movement. It was the first *national* demonstration in support of gay rights, marking a political departure from the local and regional anniversary parades commemorating the Stonewall upheaval of June, 1969 ("we are moving from gay pride to gay politics" was how one speaker put it). It was the largest event organized on the grassroots level by and for gay men and women. It was far and away the largest gay rights event ever to take place in the nation's capital. It was in addition perhaps the most ambiguous effort thus far undertaken to try to embrace all the diverse groups within the nation's far-flung gay community.

Months long in planning, the march centered around a group of demands which called for the repeal of all anti-gay laws, the passage of a comprehensive federal gay rights bill, and the issuance of a presidential executive order outlawing discrimination based on sexual orientation. March demands also included calls for an end to anti-gay discrimination in child custody cases, and for protection of gay young people from oppressive laws and treatment.

It was the address of keynote speaker

Betty Santoro at the 32 speakers-strong post-march rally, however, which best captured the purpose of the march. After recalling the isolation, fear and persecution once almost universally experienced by gay people, Santoro told the crowd "We are here today because we refuse, we **refuse**, to allow this kind of suffering to continue."

Santoro, active in New York City's Lesbian Feminist Liberation group, as well as the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights, then, enumerated a long list of grievances. "We are sick and tired," she called out, "of being fired from our jobs ... thrown out of our homes ... refused public accommodation ... insulted, humiliated, brutalized and murdered in the streets of this country ... of having our very own children taken away from us ... (and) of being misrepresented and maligned by the twisted minds of the Anita Bryants."

The thousands standing on the rain-soaked wet and muddy grounds of the Washington Monument roared their approval.

The marchers, whom organizers said came from every state in the Union and some 23 foreign countries, made their way to the Washington Monument grounds from an assembly area near the National Art Gallery two miles away.

Stepping off as planned almost exactly at noon, the marchers, in a line—

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THE NOVEMBER MEETING

Discussion
and Slide Presentation
of the March on Washington

featured speakers

Greg Byrd and
Susan McGreivy

November 7

at 7:30 p.m. SHARP

THE DECEMBER MEETING

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featured speaker

Linda Valentino
December 5

at 7:30 p.m. SHARP

**Both meetings will be held at:
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March on Washington . . . (Continued from Page 1)

up set by organizers, proceeded up Pennsylvania Avenue led by thousands of lesbians, with third world women at the very front. Behind the many women's contingents flowed a virtual river of chanting, sign-carrying, banner-waving humanity! the "physically challenged," including numerous hearing-impaired persons signing "I love you" as they marched; children and senior citizens; international contingents, led by Puerto Rico; parents and friends groups; state delegations, divided into seven regions; national organizations; and "supporters."

As they marched many people—some so exultant they cried — waved their signs, placards, banners and flags back and forth to emphasize such slogans as "Give Us Justice," "We Don't Need Laws For Us, Remove the Laws Against Us," and "Count Us, There Are Many More."

"When a heterosexual shows us a picture of their family, it's called sharing. But when we show them a picture of our lovers, it's called 'flaunting.' Well, we feel it's time that we shared." Rally speaker Robin Tyler, Los Angeles lesbian feminist comedian.

Largest of the marching groups were the state delegations of California, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania and Texas, each of which seemed to in turn monopolize Pennsylvania Avenue. The huge and highly vocal California and Texas contingents proved impressive, however, not only in size, but also in local color, for leading the two states' marchers were red, white and blue-dressed bands from Los Angeles and Houston respectively.

"We who march for full human rights for lesbian and gay men will eventually be not only the majority, but the overwhelming will of this country." Rally speaker Eleanor Smeal, president of NOW.

Although the biggest plurality of marchers appeared to be primarily white, male, and in its 20s and 30s, the ambitious goal of organizers to involve as many different constituent groups of the gay community as possible met with at least partial success. Women seemed to be the one group which came closest to being representative of their true numbers. One observer, lesbian Pamela Brandt of New York's *Soho News*, estimated "40 percent female marchers."

The organizational structure of the march called for "diverse regional input

into the planning process," "at least 50% women at all levels of the march organization," and "at least 20% Third World representation at all levels of the march organization."

"And freedom shall ring in this country. We demand that it ring for all Americans,, regardless of their sexual orientation. Or else it will continue to ring false, and in time it will not ring at all for anyone." Rally keynote speaker Betty Santoro of New York City's Lesbian Feminist Liberation.

Estimates of the overall turnout for Estimates of the overall turnout for the march varied wildly, ranging from 25,000 by the U.S. Park Police to 250,000 by a speaker at the post-march rally. In between were the estimates of the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police (75,000) and most of the Washington-area media. A television reporter for the CBS affiliate in Washington, who a week earlier covered the papal visit to Washington, stood by an estimate that the crowd equalled, and probably exceeded, the reported 180,000 people who gathered to see and hear Pope John Paul II. Representatives Phil Burton (D-Ca) and Ted Weiss (D-NY) speculated that the size of the turnout would have a salutary effect on passage of H.R. 2074, the pending federal gay rights bill.

Events related to the march began several days before the march itself and included a wide array of activities, with one of the largest being the October 11-15 Third World Conference of Lesbians and Gays.

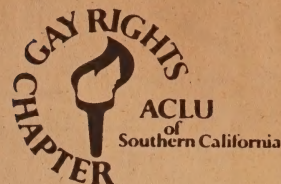
March-related events in addition included discussion groups, political caucuses and lobbying, as well as religious services. Also scattered about the federal city were march-related dances, concerts and receptions.

"You should be reminded that the last stragglers of the march were tear gassed by persons unknown. I do not want another gay person tear gassed at a peaceful demonstration in the rest of history." Rally MC and march organizer Ray Hill of the Texas Gay Task Force.

As with most events of significant magnitude, the march was not problem-free. The national transportation plan, including a toll-free national telephone number, had to be discontinued. Contention was said to have wracked the speaker selection process. Given the absence of a catalytic magnet issue such

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NOVEMBER GRC CALENDAR

Wed. 7: General Meeting,
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Mon. 12: Board Meeting,
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Wed. 14: Legislative Meeting,
GRC office.

Mon. 26: Board Meeting,
GRC office.

Wed. 28: Legislative Meeting,
GRC office.

All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.
For dates of the Minority Rights
Committee, please call 466-6739.

Turnabout's Fair Play

The female minority in the state Assembly recently struck a satiric and rather uproarious blow against sexism. Annoyed with the frequent, almost sacrosanct introductions of female beauty queens by their male colleagues, the assemblywomen on September 10 brought a beauty contest winner of their own to the state capitol, a muscular young man clad in short (mid-calf length) pants and a tank top.

According to Assemblywoman Maxine Waters (D-Los Angeles), whose idea it was to hold the role-reversal event, the action was "an attempt to say to our male colleagues: How do you feel when we parade a male body before the Assembly?"

Following Waters' introduction of Steve McCall of Vacaville, who holds the title of Mr. Golden Bear 1979, there was considerable applause, as well as laughter, by the members of the Assembly. In addition, reported the Associated Press, several Assemblywomen "clamored around McCall" and "jabbed at his substantial muscles."

Assembly Speaker Pro Tem John Knox (D-Richmond) called the Waters introduction of McCall "kind of a sexist introduction. We don't greet women that way."

Riddell Named to Women's Commission

Hollywood resident Myra Riddell was appointed in August to a three-year term on the Los Angeles County Commission on the Status of Women.

Riddell chairs the Southern California Women for Understanding, co-chairs the New Alliance for Gay Equality, and is a member of the National Organization for Women (NOW) and of the National Association of Social Workers. She holds two degrees from UCLA, one a bachelor's degree in psychology, the other a master's degree in social work. She is presently self-employed.

The 15-member commission is charged with assessing the needs of women in the county, and then advising the Board of Supervisors on how best to meet those needs.

Policeman Sentenced

San Francisco police officer Daniel Marr has been sentenced to three years of probation for an attack on a doorwoman at Peg's Place, a primarily lesbian bar in the Bay Area city. Marr and several companions assaulted doorwoman Alene Levine one night last March, shouting "Let's get the dykes."

San Francisco Municipal Court Judge Edward Stern told Marr that "People have a right to dignified lives . . . You can't degrade and demean them; if you do, you degrade and demean yourself." A lawyer in the firm representing Levine later stated that Judge Stern "showed that at least one judge takes harassment of lesbians seriously."

Convicted of one count of battery and one of disturbing the peace, Marr was sentenced to report weekly to a parole officer, to pay a \$1,000 fine, and to perform 200 hours of community service work.

Anti-Gay Nominee Sails Through Senate

Despite opposition from gays, former Florida Governor Reubin Askew was confirmed by "unanimous consent" of the Senate on September 25 to a Cabinet-level position in the Carter Administration.

Askew's nomination as Chief U.S. Trade Negotiator drew fire from gay organizations because of his record of anti-gay pronouncements, including a 1977 endorsement of the successful campaign of evangelist Anita Bryant to repeal the human rights ordinance of Dade County.

"I said I would have no difficulty . . . in voting to repeal the ordinance," Askew recalled in mid-September testimony before the Senate Finance Committee, "because I would not want a known homosexual teaching my child."

Askew told the committee he would not have "a known homosexual" on his staff. He added that to his knowledge, "the people I've asked to come on board" to fill the trade office positions "are heterosexuals."

Askew's nomination was opposed by, among others, openly gay San Francisco

Supervisor Harry Britt. "I am outraged at his (Askew's) statements," wrote Britt in a blistering September 19 telegram to President Carter, "and I urge you to withdraw his nomination."

Commission Gives Boot to Sex Questions

Candidates for Los Angeles city fire fighter and paramedic positions will no longer be subjected to a series of questions about their private sex lives. By a 3-0 vote, the Civil Service Commission on October 3 revised the number and kind of sex-related questions that interviewers may ask candidates.

Prior to the vote, sex-related questions asked of would-be fire fighters and paramedics included "Have you ever had sex on the beach?" "Have you ever exposed yourself indecently?" and "Do you have homosexual contacts?"

Under the Commission's revised guidelines, "some inquiry into a candidate's illegal sexual conduct" will be permitted as "job-related and should be retained." Only two new questions were authorized, however, and both, after coming under immediate attack from attorney Gloria Allred of the Women's Equal Rights and Legal Defense Education Fund, are to be modified. Allred represented paramedic candidate Sandra Buchanan, whose case precipitated the Commission review and changes.

The two new questions are "As an adult, have you ever been involved in sexual activity with a minor (less than 18 years old) or a child" and "Have you ever forced someone, in any way, to have sexual relations with you." The Commission instructed its staff to eliminate any ambiguities or overly broad language from the questions.

Agreements Received in Survey

Sixty bars and baths have thus far responded to the Gay Rights Chapter's mailed requests for compliance with a policy of non-discrimination. Mailed in mid-August by the GRC's Minority Affairs Committee, the compliance forms were sent to some 200 gay businesses, primarily bars and baths in the greater Hollywood area.

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GRC TO HOST CONFERENCE

The Gay Rights Chapter will host the Metropolitan Regional Conference of the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California (ACLU/SC) on Saturday, December 1, at the University Religious Conference Building in Westwood.

"This will be an opportunity for GRC members to find out where the members of the other 13 Los Angeles-area chapters are coming from," states GRC Board Member Duncan Donovan, conference coordinator.

"The other chapter members know gays were fighters against Prop 6, and they helped us on that. They also know what we did for a gay rights ordinance in Los Angeles. This will be a chance for them to find out that we are interested in something else besides the central nervous system."

A political action panel at the conference will feature GRC President Larry Lyon covering local lobbying. Lyon's co-panelists will be ACLU lobbyist Jim Tucker of Sacramento and Frank Wilkinson, executive director of the National Committee Against Repressive Legislation.

Chapter Council Chair Pat Hiles, Chapter Director Ruth Abraham, and Westside Chapter President Steven Rease will sit as a panel on the topic "the seduction of the wild activist."

ACLU/SC Chair Joyce Fiske and ACLU/SC Executive Director Ramona Ripston will speak on where the ACLU was in 1979, as well as on where it will be going in 1980.

Long-time civil libertarian Marvin Schacter will conduct a free-form discussion for interested parties.

Chairing the greeting and registration committee will be gay activist John Schaffer.

Open to all GRC members and their friends, the Metropolitan will be the second of four regional conferences sponsored by the Chapter Council of the ACLU/SC affiliate. The Eastern Regional Conference was held in Pomona in September. Northern and southern meetings are in the planning stage.

(The University Religious Conference Building is located at 900 Hilgard Avenue in Westwood. Entrance into the conference will be by way of the Hilgard side; two parking areas are on the LeConte Avenue side. Registration is scheduled for 10 a.m., while the formal programs will take place between 10:30 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. An hour will be reserved for lunch; brown bags are suggested.)

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Van Ooteghem v. Gray. Gary Van Ooteghem was hired in 1975 as an accountant in the Harris County Treasurer's office. He was dismissed later that year after addressing a meeting of the Harris County Commissioners on the subject of gay rights. Cooperating attorneys Pat Wiseman and Larry Sauer filed suit, and in a landmark decision, the court ruled that the county had violated Mr. Van Ooteghem's First Amendment right to free speech. The court ordered that our client be granted reinstatement and back pay. (Patrick Wiseman, Attorney)

CALIFORNIA

Sullivan v. Immigration and Naturalization Service. The ACLU has filed suit to require Immigration and Naturalization Service to recognize marriage between two gay men who were married in Colorado at a time when such marriages were legal and licenses were issued for them. Status: Awaiting comment by the government. (David M. Brown, Attorney)

On the legal front in southern California, the ACLU has taken the case of *Stevenson v. Yellow Cab Company*, in which Cynthia Stevenson alleges she was discriminated against when the Yellow Cab Company in Los Angeles demoted her because of her sexual orientation. The Gay Rights Chapter of the ACLU will sponsor the costs of litigation which include filing fees, depositions, etc. Ms. Stevenson will be represented by Attorney Sheila Kuehl. The complaint is based primarily on those causes of action that were found to be viable in the Pacific Telephone case; the complaint has been served on the president and vice president of the Yellow Cab Company.

According to Attorney Kuehl, Stevenson started driving for Yellow Cab in 1976 in Los Angeles; the company went bankrupt and a new company was formed, and Stevenson was re-hired as a driver. It was at this time that Stevenson came up with an idea that would enhance the company's income by conducting tours and being competitive with various other tour companies.

The operations manager liked the idea, and Stevenson was hired at a much higher rate than she had been making as a driver, and promoted to administration — "upstairs." Kuehl relates that Yellow Cab is the only cab company in Los Angeles large enough to have an "upstairs."

Kuehl states that the company dominates the field in terms of doing anything other than just driving, and she asserts that this factor is very important to the case, as the company has a monopoly

on duties that include cab company administrative work.

Stevenson started working on planning the tours, when after less than a month, with no explanation, she was told that the company did not want her working on the project anymore — that the vice president and general manager had indicated that he did not feel it necessary for her to continue.

Having been left in limbo, Stevenson was offered a job as an administrative assistant by two people in communications who were impressed with her work and who indicated they thought she had talent in this area. Although she would be making \$1 less an hour, Stevenson agreed, and started working with the Dial-A-Ride program that Yellow Cab had just put into effect.

Three weeks later, however, and again with no explanation, the vice president and general manager allegedly told the woman who Stevenson was working for that he "just didn't want her (Stevenson) up there." Stevenson was demoted back to driving, and she alleges she was not even given a full-time cab. She was told that drivers "wait in line for these things, and that there are only so many full-time cab positions available." Part-time drivers average only \$80-\$100 a week, including tips; obviously an amount much less than she would make with even a 40-hour work week. Eventually Stevenson did receive a full-time cab.

What is confusing to Stevenson and to her attorney, is why all these various actions were necessary in the first place. Stevenson alleges she was told that the vice-president does not want "her kind" of person working there, yet both Stevenson and her lover (also employed by

the company) have always been open at work. "There is," Stevenson believes, "a dichotomy at work here. On one hand lesbians are considered a better employment risk for responsible positions since we do not spend time on personal calls, flirting with the male drivers, or in taking a lot of time off. Yet, apparently, lesbians are not desirable for an administration level position."

Kuehl, who refers to her practice as a "Marcus Welby-type of practice — it includes a little of everything," says although many gay people work for Yellow Cab, that this is not a class action suit — it is strictly an individual suit. "It is not cut and dried at all," declares Kuehl, "it is just on the cutting edge of the law. The Pacific Telephone decision was based on its being a public utilities company, and the Yellow Cab Company is a public utility concern, but it is not regulated by the Public Utilities Commission, so we are going at it from a slightly different angle."

"My point of view is that they have the same responsibility to the public as the telephone company, because they are privileged: they are franchised by the city and with that franchise comes certain privileges; but it is really one step beyond the Pacific Telephone case, to bring in other kinds of utilities that are not regulated by the commission to test the ordinance (the recently-enacted City Gay Rights Ordinance)."

Stevenson, 31, who received her Bachelor of Arts in History from UCLA, says her employment began with an advertisement of a job offer in the newspaper. She says women and minorities were "encouraged to apply." It was an offer for a taxicab driver and I thought it would be a chance not to have to deal with sexism and sexual discrimination."

In July 1977, when the Yellow Cab

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Cynthia Stevenson and Attorney Sheila Kuehl.

—Photo by Leslie Hall

CHP PULLS OUT OF GAME

The charitable softball game that was to have featured a team of Los Angeles gays against a team of California Highway Patrol (CHP) officers had to be called off when the CHP abruptly bowed out.

Embittered organizers of the game, which was to have been part of a double-header billed as the "Los Angeles Sports Spectacular," blamed anti-gay prejudice within both the CHP and within the general public for the cancellation of the game.

"Very briefly, what happened is the media started picking up on this within the last week," organizer/commissioner Robb Hamm of the co-sponsoring Inter City Athletic Union (ICAU) told a stunned audience gathered for the game at the Hollywood High School stadium on September 29, "and Sacramento called Captain (Ray) Johnson at Central Los Angeles Highway Patrol headquarters and started asking what was going on. Captain Johnson started getting some flack from the heterosexual community (and) from some of his co-workers (which) put him on the hot seat (and) he couldn't take the heat and backed out."

Johnson later asserted in the *Los Angeles Times* that he cancelled CHP participation in the game when he learned the Gay Community Services Center (GCSC) was to be the recipient charity. "It was my (original) understanding," Johnson told the *Times*, "that it (the game) was to raise money for kids."

The Center was the other co-sponsoring organization of the Spectacular.

Word of the CHP's withdrawal was first received only two days before the scheduled date of the game, in a telephone call from Johnson to Hamm.

"We were notified ... on Thursday (September 27) that it probably was not

going to take place," said Hamm in a subsequent interview, "and then it was more or less confirmed on Friday."

Three weeks earlier, on September 4, Hamm received a letter from Officer G. J. Graham of the CHP confirming the participation of the state law enforcement agency.

"This letter is to confirm our appearance at a charity softball game on September 29, 1979," Graham wrote in the letter. "I have conferred with our team captain, Officer Gutierrez, and he is looking forward to this opportunity to assist in this community service. I will contact you in the interim to work out necessary details. We're looking forward to meeting you. Sincerely ..."

On the heels of the CHP pull-out, Hamm and fellow Spectacular-organizer Martin Braddock frantically sought the assistance of various politicians, including Governor Brown, in an effort to salvage the game.

"They were concerned," said Hamm. "They said they would do what they could, but they only had one day. And obviously, one day just really wasn't enough time for them to get any affirmative action."

Both Hamm and Braddock cited the CHP withdrawal as an indication of why the gay march on the nation's capital was necessary.

"This is just one more example," Hamm told the cheering audience which almost half-filled the 3,000-capacity bleachers at Hollywood High School, and which earlier had rejected an offer by Braddock to refund the \$3.00 price of admission, "(why) on October 14, we've got the march on Washington, and this is just one more reason to support that and stand up for our rights, damn it."

"I was not going to Washington," said Braddock in an interview a few days after

the event. "I am going now! And I think Saturday decided that for me."

So outraged was Braddock by events occurring after the CHP withdrawal that on October 3 he resigned his position as Director of Development of the Gay Community Services Center. "This was another episode," explained Braddock, "that made me reach that decision."

Braddock was critical of the fact that a press conference was not held on Monday, October 1, to immediately criticize the CHP's abrupt cancellation of the game. He further pointed to an October 3 meeting between Hamm and Johnson as a mistake.

"I feel that the captain's handled this well for the Highway Patrol," Braddock stated, "because we've given him time (and) we've given him every opportunity to think about it ... I'm sorry, because I think it needed to go public, to make the community realize ... that we have a long way to go. And we've got to do it together."

Hamm explained that in his meeting with Johnson, "what he (Johnson) did was try to be diplomatic about the whole situation and leave it open for involvement between the Highway Patrol and the gay community. So it's not like he shut the door for the future, but he shut the door for this present event."

Hamm said he felt "there is some validity and some sincerity in what (Johnson) was saying," and that the CHP captain is not personally "discriminatory or uptight or biased toward the gay community."

"Rather than put his neck on the line by going through with the event, he chose not to go through with it, basically ... to save face for him within Highway Patrol, and within the heterosexual public."

The first game of the doubleheader Spectacular was held without incident. Following shouts from the crowd of "We can play without them" and "Chicken," the Los Angeles Gay All-Stars defeated the San Francisco Gay All-Stars 12-2.

Participating in the Spectacular were the Great American Yankee Freedom Marching Band, which received enough donation promises from businesspersons at the game to finance its trip to the March on Washington, and the Gay Men's Chorus.

As the *Guardian* goes to press on October 17, Robb Hamm, chairperson of the Los Angeles Sports Spectacular, and vice president and media liaison of the ICAU, states that the CHP "did not live up to their commitment to re-schedule the softball game" between the ICAU Gay All-Stars and the Highway Patrol. Mr. Hamm will be interviewed in depth in the December issue regarding circumstances surrounding this event.

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The Anti-Draft Movement Continues . . .

By MARY SAYLIN

The battle to stop renewal of peacetime conscription is far from over.

Anti-draft activists did score a major victory on September 12 when the House of Representatives voted 259 to 155 to strike the draft registration amendment out of the \$42.1 billion military appropriations bill (HR 4040). And that success was compounded when the stronger Senate measure (S 109) was not reintroduced by Senator Sam Nunn, its author.

These victories proved once again that effective coalition lobbying and community education can pay off handsomely (as gay activists know from their successful fight against Proposition 6 last year). The House vote culminated a four-month concerted effort by the Coalition Against Registration and the Draft (CARD), convened in May by the ACLU's "Stop the Draft Task Force." Ignoring initial advice by political pundits that there was little or no chance to defeat a draft registration amendment tied to a military weapons bill, CARD members were able to convince eight members of Congress from southern California to reverse their pro-registration stance.

But these efforts are merely preliminary skirmishes in what promises to be a long struggle against powerful opponents. While no bill is currently active, no one believes that the Pentagon generals and congressional "hawks" will abandon their attempts to bring back the draft. The form and timing of new onslaughts are unknown, but that they will be made is a virtual certainty.

Our nation is just beginning to recover from the traumas of our Asian "adventures." We face no discernible imminent threat of attack. In 1973, in the wake of the anti-war movement, we returned to our traditional all-volunteer force. Recent Department of Defense studies "do not support return to peacetime conscription for either active forces or reserves." The President has authority to renew registration without Congressional legislation but says it is not currently necessary. The Selective Service reports it can register two million men in five days and provide inductees within 30 days to fulfill any DOD requirements in case of national emergency. Secretary of Defense Harold Brown says there is no evidence that draft registration prior to mobilization will materially enhance military readiness.

These findings cast considerable doubt on the military necessity for compulsory peacetime registration or conscription.

Yet the folks who brought us Vietnam want to bring back the draft.

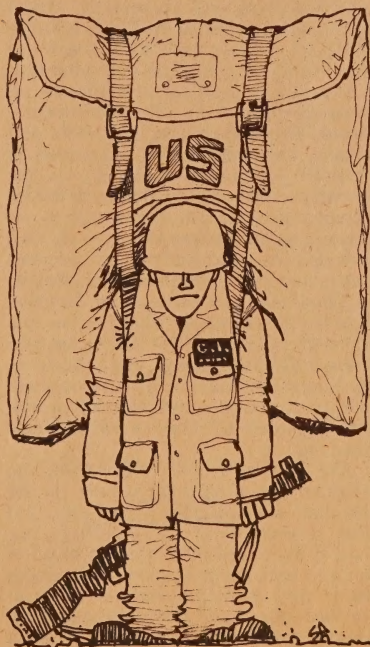
Why?

It is simple. On June 21, General Bernard W. Rogers, Army Chief-of-Staff, announced plans for a new "quick strike" force of 110,000 troops to deploy in the Persian Gulf and the Middle East. Global intervention is a major basis for the "need" for conscription. The military brass have never been reconciled to the volunteer force. How much easier it would be for them to press a button and command a round-up of draftees.

The draft is a blank check for the Pentagon to conduct Vietnam-like "adventures" without consulting Congress or holding public debates. The draft is a device to force young people to serve at considerably less than the going wage rate — to bear the financial costs as well as the personal burdens of war preparation.

There are many civil liberties infringements inherent in the draft. It is more suitable to a police state than a democracy. It imposes more totalitarian controls over the lives of law-abiding citizens than any other institution.

Basic freedoms are taken away: the right to reside where one wishes, to select one's employment, to negotiate working conditions, to marry and raise a family. The rights of privacy, free speech and association are lost. Due process of the law is denied including the rights to counsel and to trial by jury before an independent judge.



There is no way for the draft to be fair. There is just no way to induct one person, perhaps to be killed, and allow another to go scot free to build a good life. Worse, the system is highly discriminatory, favoring the wealthier and better educated. And gays have always been primary targets, treated unequally for induction and less than honorably discharged merely because they are gay.

The situation is exacerbated since the constitutional authority of Congress to declare war is virtually dead — it was not used in Korea and Vietnam — thus removing the chief restraint Congress and the people had to prevent the exercise of arbitrary executive action.

Without a peacetime draft our tragic involvements in Asia would not have been possible. Thousands of lost and ruined lives would have been saved. Unless the conscriptive powers of government are limited, similar "adventures" can exact a terrible price in the future. At the very least, renewal of the draft is bound to create new discord and alienation among the young lives it disrupts and too often takes. Surely no one can want to see the traumas of the '60s revived.

Congress derives its authority to draft by virtue of its responsibility "to provide for the common defense." In peacetime it amounts to involuntary servitude, prohibited by the Thirteenth Amendment. Only a demonstration of overwhelming national need can justify it. No such showing has been made.

The gravest danger to the American people is the steady erosion of the principles that made us a free society. Our government is supposed to operate with the consent of the people. Unless we are informed, our consent is meaningless. Yet proponents of the draft have deliberately made their moves in secrecy because they justifiably fear massive public opposition.

People are not apathetic about the draft — only uninformed, misinformed and alienated because they are denied the opportunity to participate in making the important decisions which deeply affect their lives. The painful lessons of Vietnam are not forgotten. Once alerted to plans to revive conscription, the public's anger promises to make the Vietnam anti-war movement clamor seem tame.

Our job is to alert everyone. Our job is to remain vigilant and mobilized to counteract any new move.

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POLICE SPYING: A CLEAR

By LINDA VALENTINO

On April 10, 1975, the Los Angeles Police Department Board of Commissioners made a startling disclosure: between January, 1974 and January, 1975, the department's Public Disorder Intelligence Division (PDID) had destroyed nearly 2,000,000 political intelligence file cards. Some of the cards, which contained information gathered on organizations and individuals involved in lawful political activities, had been maintained for over 50 years. Amid the protests of many community activists who felt they should have been given the opportunity to see their files, the Police Commission hailed the destruction as a significant step toward cleaning their own house — a step which, in the wake of Watergate and the revelations of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, was long overdue. In the following year and a half, the Police Commission debated and finally adopted a set of "standards and procedures" which they claimed would ensure the protection of First Amendment rights and prevent surveillance of people based solely on their political views.

In the nearly three years that those guidelines have been in effect, however, the PDID has continued its systematic abuse of our constitutional freedoms by spying on and infiltrating organizations and individuals holding political views of which the LAPD does not approve.

The full extent of the PDID's cloak and dagger operations is not known — after all, the department refuses to answer any questions about its spying activities. Only when the PDID has been caught

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with its hand in the proverbial cookie jar have we been able to piece together what, for civil libertarians, is a chilling record of spying, political harassment and disruption.

Many political activists in Los Angeles were more than a little surprised to see a small article buried in the back pages of the *Los Angeles Times* on August 5, 1977. "Suspect Cleared — She's Policewoman," the headline read. The article went on to say that one of the defendants in a case relating to a June, 1977 demonstration organized by the Progressive Labor Party had revealed that she was, in fact, an undercover LAPD officer who had infiltrated the controversial organi-



zation. Constance Marie Milazzo had, in the previous two years, become a fairly familiar character in left and liberal circles. She had first become involved in the Campaign for Democratic Freedoms (CDF), a small group which was organizing teach-ins and conferences about intelligence abuses by the CIA and FBI — hot topics in those post-Watergate times. She joined the campaign after attending a conference at UCLA, and became an active member of the CDF steering committee. She helped design posters and leaflets, and took part in one workshop on LAPD intelligence activities — a role for which she was eminently qualified. Milazzo used her CDF credentials to circulate around the Los Angeles Left. She attended meetings of the L.A. Women's Liberation Union, the Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee, the Coalition Against Police Abuse (CAPA), the Socialist Community school, run by the New American Movement and the L.A. *Vanguard* newspaper. We can only assume that she reported back to her employer everything she heard in those meetings.

After Milazzo's cover was blown, she dropped out of sight for a time, as did the man she was then living with, Jon Dial, a well-known figure in L.A. activist groups. Dial had been involved in left and liberal organizations since about 1971, frequently providing security at anti-war rallies and demonstrations and other political events. At one point he did

advance work for Jane Fonda when the actress was speaking against the war on southern California campuses. Dial and Milazzo were married a few days after she revealed her identity, and several months later it was confirmed that Dial, too, was an LAPD undercover officer.

In March, 1978, two more undercover spies were caught. This time, their names were included in a partial list of LAPD personnel. Georgia Odom had started her career as a police spy by infiltrating the Anthony Brown Defense Committee. Brown was the victim of a controversial LAPD shooting in 1976, and his friends and relatives had formed the committee to demand a thorough investigation into the circumstances surrounding his death. Odom joined the group, which frequently met in the home of the victim's mother. She then became the Anthony Brown Committee's representative to the Coalition Against Police Abuse. CAPA has been in the forefront of the efforts to force the police department to be more accountable to the public, and has raised the issue of police brutality and officer-involved shootings in Police Commission and City Council hearings. Odom became deeply involved in CAPA, becoming a member of the steering committee and ultimately assuming the position of recording secretary. She took minutes at every meeting, sometimes worked in the CAPA office, and had complete access to membership and mailing lists. Odom also attended meetings of the Friends of Ron Burkholder, another committee formed to demand investigation of a controversial police shooting.

Eddie Solomon also infiltrated CAPA, and was active in a number of left groups for two years. As a member of the Young Workers Liberation League, he participated in several meetings and demonstrations. He eventually took the job of office manager for the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, a group which organized around the cases of political prisoners in the United States. Solomon even attended a demonstration for the Wilmington 10 in North Carolina with other members of the Alliance. We're told that he still owes money for gas.

The most recent police spy to surface is a young woman named Cheryl Bell. Bell's cover was blown in August, 1978, when she, too, showed up on LAPD personnel lists. Bell was active in the Alliance for Survival, the Southern California anti-nuclear coalition. She was also the president of the Committee on Nuclear Information at the California State University at Los Angeles.

AND PRESENT DANGER

All of these individuals have resumed their police duties. The last time we checked, Milazzo was working in the Personnel Division, Dial is a sergeant at the Wilshire Division, Odom is working as a community relations officer in the department's South East Division (which, we assume, means that she still attends meetings of community groups, but she now wears a uniform), Solomon works in the North Hollywood Division, and Bell is now assigned to Air Support.

And what of their targets? Several of the organizations claim to have experienced a drop in membership since the police agents were exposed. Their members are afraid to participate in perfectly legal activities because they fear the effects of a police dossier. One need not look back too far to see how such information was used in the past to harass and intimidate people, to deprive

"Sometimes they just want to take your picture ..."

them of their livelihoods and destroy dissent in this country.

The LAPD has not limited its spying activities to infiltration, though. Sometimes they just want to take your picture, as in the February, 1978 incident at the Los Angeles City Council. Again, the department was caught red-handed when it assigned a police video-tape crew and still photographer to take pictures of anti-nuclear activists testifying at a Council hearing. First claiming that the crew was making a training film for a class at the Police Academy (Police Spying 1?), the department later admitted it had been in error, and promised it would "never happen again."

Perhaps the most dramatic demonstration of LAPD snooping occurred in July, 1978, when the Citizens' Commission on Police Repression (CCPR) — a coalition of 40 organizations dedicated to stopping government spying and police misconduct) released to the news media the Public Disorder Intelligence Division's 1975 "watch list" — 201 groups which the LAPD decided were a potential "threat to the public order." The list ranged from the National Council of Churches to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the National Organization for Women, the Barrio Free Clinic, the Peace Action Council and the First Unitarian Church. Included were three prominent organizations in the Los Angeles gay community: the Gay Com-

munity Services Center, the Gay Liberation Front, and the Gay Community Alliance. Each of the groups was assigned a code number which corresponded to a document listing the justifications for watching the organizations. The groups assigned a number "1" were considered to hold membership in the Communist Party or any affiliate or sympathizer group (example: the Community Relations Conference of Southern California). "2"s were groups which advocated social or political change through violence or violation of the law (the National Council of Churches?). "3"s advocated violence against officials of this or other nations (the Jewish Defense League). "4"s were groups which possessed large amounts of firearms or explosives for other than legal purposes (the Community Freedom School), the "5"s were defined as groups which participate in or advocate any activity which is intended to create disorder among the general public (the Watts Summer Festival Committee, the United Farm Workers of America, the National Women's Political Caucus, and the three gay organizations), and the "6"s applied to anyone who couldn't be lumped into the preceding categories: "none of the above!" Those falling into the last category included the United Asian Students, the Associated High School Students for Soviet Jews, the Watts Labor Community Action Committee and Womenspace.

City Councilman Zev Yaroslavsky responded to these revelations by authorizing three measures to control police intelligence activities. The first, which restricts police photography in the Council Chambers, passed almost immediately. The other two, which call for a full-scale investigation of the Public Disorder Intelligence Division and for a local Freedom of Information Act which would establish an access procedure by which people can obtain their police intelligence files, were stalled in the council's Police, Fire and Public Safety Committee for over one year. Last week, the council passed two motions which instruct the Police Commission to investigate the renewed charges of police spying and to draft an access procedure within 60 days. They also instructed the commission to take another look at the PDID Standards and

"... LAPD spying will continue unabated."

Procedures, and to make any needed changes. The Commission has been ordered to hold public hearings to provide

for sufficient community input.

Meanwhile, we suspect that LAPD spying will continue unabated. This year alone, two highly questionable episodes came to light. On March 25, a coalition of 200 black ministers known as the Gathering were photographed by the PDID and had their license plates recorded as they paraded past Parker Center to a City Council hearing on police shootings. In April, two PDID officers were spotted taking down the names of people who had shown up to testify before the Police Commission about the controversial Eula Love case.

The implications of unchecked police power are clear: the LAPD has decided that it has the right to determine which political activities are legitimate and which are not. How many steps is it from the "watch list" to the blacklist? Must we relearn the lessons of the 40s and the 50s during the 80s?

Anyone concerned about civil liberties and human rights must demand an end to police spying. In order to safeguard First Amendment rights, a criminal standard for investigation of those organizations and individuals involved in Constitutionally protected activities must be applied. In other words, the police should be allowed to investigate political organizations and activists *only* when there is probable cause to believe they are involved in *criminal acts*. And only with a

"... carte blanche to violate ... rights."

local Freedom of Information Act will we be able to ensure that the LAPD is not again stepping over the bounds between criminal investigation and politically motivated harassment. To allow the PDID to continue to function under a cloak of secrecy is to grant them carte blanche to violate those rights which are essential to a democratic society: the right to speak out, to associate and to petition the government for redress of grievances. We cannot afford to lose those rights. We must speak out now. Let the Police Commission know that these abuses will not be tolerated. Demand community input into the drafting of new intelligence guidelines. Demand the right to see your own file. Protect your right to organize.

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Company resumed business, Stevenson applied and was re-hired. Working "sometimes without compensation" she developed approximately 57 different tours, some of which originated from Beverly Hills, as well as from other parts of the city. It was during this period that she was dismissed from her administrative position and assigned to the Dial-A-Ride program. "I wanted some assurance that I would not be arbitrarily dismissed again — they assured me that this would not happen, yet, less than a

month later my supervisor came to me and said, 'I've been told that you have to go back to driving, and I haven't got a thing to do with it; I have to obey him, he's my boss.'"

Stevenson was then told by another person (whom she will not name at this time), that the decision was based on her "sexual preference."

Stevenson, who had researched licensing practices from the state, and who had conducted a feasibility study, declares, "I was literally working day and night on this project because I was really enthused about its possibilities. I was only being paid my regular wage — no overtime at all, but I really felt excited about the whole thing. We weren't talking about a \$2.80 trip; this idea could bring in millions for the company."

She relates that there is only one woman in the entire administration of the Yellow Cab Company. "Apparently the newspaper ad encouraging women and minorities applies only to low-level positions."

The suit filed on behalf of Stevenson is asking for lost pay and her reinstatement to management level.

Graham at 384-5261 and setting up an appointment.

Prizes given away during the raffle were donated by Gene's TV, Ah Men, The Perfect Pattie, The Four Queens, Sisterhood Bookstore, Unicorn Bookstore, Fireside Haircutters, and the Academy.

McGreevy, expressing appreciation for those who did participate, and for the special assistance of Steve Ginn and Mike Hathaway, encouraged more people to get involved next year. "I think we all enjoyed ourselves tremendously as well as helping other people, and I hope next year that the community will really turn out and support this worthwhile cause."

ANEMIC TURNOUT

BLOOD DRIVE

Rain, conflicting events, and general apathy within the gay community seemingly conspired to bleed the second annual ACLU-GRC sponsored Blood Drive of much needed participants.

The drive, held Saturday, September 29, drew nearly 50 pints of blood, considerably less than expected, although Red Cross consultant Margie Graham still hailed it a success. "We need blood desperately, and we are very grateful to those who attended the drive. There is a critical shortage of blood in Los Angeles County at the moment, and believe me, every pint counts."

According to Blood Drive Co-chair Gregg McGreevy, "The low turnout was partially due to conflicting events in the gay community and we hope to avoid this next year."

McGreevy and Co-chair Radclyffe Lindsey propose to initiate a community network which would list projected events, and which would be available to all organizations within the gay community. "We would hope," observed Lindsey, "to coordinate events and to avoid conflict of various projects in the future." She added that those who missed this year's blood drive can still give through the GRC by calling Margie

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Assembly Bill 1 is presently stalled in the House Ways and Means Committee. To become law, this bill must be passed in committee and by a majority vote in both the Assembly and Senate and signed into law by Governor Brown. If AB 1 survives the legislative process, a definition of the word "sex" will be incorporated into the California Labor Code. Discrimination in employment on the basis of sex would be codified to include discrimination based on sexual orientation.

SB 3, a companion Senate Bill for similar legislation, was killed in the Senate Industrial Relations Committee last February. Due to the failure of SB 3, AB 1 was not introduced for action by the full House this session. AB 1 will be taken up when the legislature reconvenes in January, 1980. Informed sources say the prognosis is most favorable.

The successful passage of AB 1 automatically and significantly advances the feminist and gay rights movements. However, legislators remain reluctant to support gay legislation for fear of voter backlash. GRC Board Member Larry Tucker says that, "It is essential that legislators realize that their constituency includes gay people. Gay lobbyists remain unheard because legislators claim 'There are no gay people in my district.'"

Tucker warns that, "The gay community must act to get AB 1 moving. Demonstrate to your respective legislator that there are indeed gay people in his/her district who expect AB 1 to pass

when introduced for Assembly vote in January 1980.

"I urge all gay people to prepare your respective legislators now to represent your interests in January. The ACLU-GRC legislative committee has developed an organized, effective approach designed to accomplish this result, but we need the gay community *in toto* to participate and that participation is vital right now."

Housing Protection

In a precedent-setting move, the State of California, Division of Fair Employment Practices has agreed to investigate and remedy housing discrimination cases against gay persons. This is the first time gay tenants in California will have a state agency to assist them in sexual orientation and discrimination cases.

The decision was the result of extensive negotiations with Governor Brown's office by Paul D. Hardman of San Francisco and Los Angeles attorney Thomas F. Coleman.

In 1978, a decision was made by the Division of Fair Employment Practices not to handle gay housing cases, although it appeared that the Division had jurisdiction to do so. In August, 1979, this decision was uncovered by Attorney Susan McGreivoy when the Division refused to process several housing cases which she had referred to them for investigation. McGreivoy, recently appointed as an ACLU staff attorney, was then employed as a staff attorney by the Gay Community Services Center in Los Angeles. That same month the National Committee intervened and brought the matter to the attention of J. Anthony



Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon (foreground), and Mistress of Ceremonies Midge Costanza (background).
—Photo by Leslie Hall

Lesbians Honored

The Southern California Women for Understanding (SCWU) held one of the most exuberant celebrations in Los Angeles history on September 15, when it honored lesbian activists Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon at its First Annual Lesbian Rights Award Banquet.

At the dinner, attended by well over 400 people, many of them state and local dignitaries, the women received, among other honors, an original paper sculpture by well-known lesbian artist Jackie Draeger.

Kline, the governor's legal affairs secretary. Kline, Hardman, and Coleman then worked out a solution with Joanne A. Lewis, chief of the Division of Fair Employment Practices.

Upon learning of the decision to handle gay cases, Coleman, co-chair of the National Committee commented, "This is another example of the firm commitment of the Brown administration to equality under the law for all regardless of sexual orientation. The intervention and assistance from the governor's office probably saved us three years of litigation over this issue..."

GRC Treasurer's Report

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Judge Stephen Lachs

JUST DOING HIS JOB . . .

By ASLAN HEIDORN

On September 15, 1979, Stephen M. Lachs was appointed by California Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. to fill a vacancy on the Los Angeles Superior Court. What would have normally been a routine appointment, had the newly appointed judge been a heterosexual, sent journalists scurrying to their typewriters to write articles with headlines such as, "Brown Appoints Avowed Homosexual to Judgeship in Unprecedented Action," (*Los Angeles Times*, September 18, 1979), and "Governor appoints gay judge to L.A. Superior Court bench," (*Los Angeles Herald Examiner*, September 18, 1979).

Lachs, the first openly gay person to be appointed to a judgeship anywhere in the nation, asserts that he did not expect to be copy material for media around the country, ranging from the traditional press in California, to United Press International and Associated Press, to the gay press, and television and radio as well. "I really did not think that my appointment would cause as much interest as it has. It (the appointment) is interesting, and I suppose it might be titillating to some readers, but I did not think it would be this big — I did not think I'd be asked to be on a San Jose talk show."

Lachs, a Los Angeles County Superior Court commissioner for 4½ years prior to taking his present office, is a UCLA graduate, and has been a member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association since 1964. "As soon as I graduated, I immediately went to work. In those days, considering my background — the work ethic — one did not graduate from school and then take off for two years travelling around the country hitchhiking."

He worked for less than a year for an insurance company, and then went into private practice for five years, before joining the public defender's office. He cites one of the highlights of his early career as being an ACLU attorney for four students from the Black Students Union at what was then Valley State College.

In addition to his judicial duties, Judge Lachs has been active in numerous organizations. He is a member of the Board of the Gay Community Services Center; member of Amnesty International; a Jewish Big Brother; founder and ex-officio member of the board of the Municipal Elections Committee of Los Angeles (MECLA); and, a member of the Sierra Club among a host of other involvements. But as so often happens in a movement, Lachs found himself immersed in a beehive of group participation.

"I've been involved with other groups like California Human Rights Advocates

(CHRA), was one of the founders of New Age — all sorts of groups. And what happened to me, is what I think happens to some other people.

"I found that I was involved with many groups, had meetings 17 different times a week and I finally said, 'Wait a minute, I'm not doing good for anyone anymore.' I finally came to the conclusion that I was going to try, as best I could, to give my support to all of the good groups that exist, but my energies can only be given to one group." That group is the Gay Community Services Center (GCSC).

The GCSC is important to Lachs, not only because of the services it provides, but because it played an important role in his "coming out" process. "I suspect I can say that the time when I really came

"... even at one in the morning I would pull out the Advocate and sneak it under my jacket."

to grips with all this (being gay), was when I met a fellow named Terry O'Brien who was in law school at that time.

"I was working for the public defender's office, and Terry asked me if I would speak to a group of people called the Gay Law Student's Association. That was in late 1971 or early 1972. And I said, 'Sure, I'd like to speak to that group.'" Lachs drove over to Wilshire Boulevard to a double set of old Victorian period pieces which at that time housed the Center.

"I will never forget that night. I spent maybe 15 to 20 minutes parked in my car, not able to get out and walk up the steps to the Center.

"I was terrified, and as I sat there I remembered how I used to run down to Sunset (Blvd.) and Laurel Canyon, about one in the morning and put 50 cents in the *Advocate* machine, and even at one in the morning I would pull out the paper and sneak it under my jacket, and then take it home and read it.

"Well, I finally got out of my car and I walked up those creaking stairs . . . up to the Center, and I swallowed and went in."

That night the frightened young attorney was to meet the men who he credits with being largely responsible for his self-acceptance. "I met Tom Coleman and Randy Schrader; and I met a man named Morris Kight, and another man named Don Kilhefner, both of whom I'll never forget.

"I was sure (what with Morris being constantly arrested for gay activism) that they'd say, 'Well, you're no good unless you go out and get arrested and wave banners.' And so, I was very afraid they would have this type of a reaction, but



Judge Stephen Lachs and Bilbo.

—Photo by Leslie Hall

they were wonderful. They said, 'Look, you do what you have to do, at the rate you have to do it — if you can't do anything, fine; we love you. Whenever you want to take that first little step, fine; we'll be here and we'll still love you.' And it was such a wonderful feeling, and they are very, very important people to me — both of them." Soon after that meeting, Lachs would begin doing legal counseling at GCSC, and thus began his involvement with gay rights.

But there is more to a man, or to a woman, than just his or her sexual orientation, and it is in this area that the gay journalist has the advantage, for the gay journalist, not needing to pick at the bones of sexuality, is afforded a glimpse into those other aspects of a life which make up the whole and complete individual.

Situated in the Hollywood Hills, Lachs' home is what might be described by a magazine dealing with California lifestyles as "gracious," but it is the welcome at the door, the undivided attention of his two dogs, the glass of wine enjoyed

"... I was very upset when they didn't mention that Judge Lachs lives with Camby, 8 and Bilbo, 7 . . ."

on the patio, the quiet taste of the library, wherein lies the charm. And the graciousness is found not solely in the outward appearance of the house, but in the warmth that is an intrinsic part of the man himself.

There is evident humor as Lachs tells the story of what he said to a reporter from the *San Francisco Sentinel*, regarding his dogs, a half-shepherd/half-collie, and a Welsh Terrier. "I told him," Lachs relates, "that in most press releases it would be reported that 'Judge Lachs has a daughter Kathy, 12, and a son Kevin, 7,' and I was very upset because they didn't mention (in any of the papers) that Judge Lachs lives with Camby 8, and Bilbo, 7."

While Lachs often injects wit into his remarks, there is a profound seriousness perceived as he discusses his work. "In one of the articles Shelly (Attorney Sheldon Andelson) was attributed with describing me as a 'humanist but also a

law-and-order man.' Well I guess there is truth in that.

"When one sits in a court — as I did when I was working in Pasadena — and one hears the story of an 87-year-old woman with curly white hair and little glasses, whose whole life revolves around her going to the park every day with her friend, who is 83, to feed the birds, and one day they go to the park and they are sitting there and the woman gets up to feed the birds and leaves her purse on the bench with her friend, and two 17-year olds run up and grab her purse and run off with it, and the 83-year-old friend when testifying says, 'Well, I got up and ran after them, but I had to stop because of my argina.'

"And you look at these two women who so much deserve to be able to go to the park and feed the birds, and you know they will never feel secure doing so again; and you get a sense of how important it is for government to provide some security for the individual, because we are all basically defenseless against people who want to hurt us, and we rely on government to provide us with protection and the assurance that we can walk the streets, that we can live in our homes without having to put bars in the windows; I think government has to provide that for us and if that's law and order, then that's something I favor. At the same time, each case has to be looked at individually, and one must recognize that individuals get into predicaments, and that individuals do not react the same, and that individuals *must* be handled as an individual and not just lumped together... so, if that's humanism, I guess I'm a humanist."

"... Hey kids, watch out for Dad."

Lachs, who presides over a juvenile court, states that the court is divided into two sections: Dependency and Delinquency. Asked if he finds the child is often punished for the parent's crime, he replies that, "What happens, time after time is, if you talk with a five-year-old who has been terribly abused: burned, and whipped or beaten — whatever, chances are the child will say, 'Well, I was beaten badly and bruised, and had my arm broken because I did something wrong — if I hadn't done something wrong they wouldn't have done that to me.' Most of the public does *not* want to know about this sort of thing," nor do they want, he continues, "to know about sexual molestation.

"We have a tremendous amount of sexual molestation cases. Most of the cases, that I see, are men molesting teenagers or pre-teens — the father, or step-father, or mom's male companion who lives in — molesting the 11- or 12-year-old girl. Young girls are always being told to watch out for the stranger in the raincoat, who is

handing out lollipops, but really, it should be 'Hey, kids, watch out for dad.'"

The picture of what happens to children in our society is frightening, but as one talks with Judge Stephen Lachs, one senses that here is a man who carries out his duties with compassion and real concern. And one senses that those who come before him will be handled with care. He is someone who is just doing his job — someone who just happens to be gay.

March on Washington . . .

(Continued from Page 2)

as California's Proposition 6 or Anita Bryant's Dade County victory, widespread concern was expressed over the timing of the march. And although endorsed by some 200 gay and non-gay organizations, the march was no doubt handicapped by the belated and reluctant support of some of the more established gay groups.

A spirit of unity nevertheless prevailed, perhaps both despite and because of the early trouble. Many women, for example, marched in separate, but not necessarily separatist, ranks from the men. One woman in the vast lesbian contingent animatedly chanted at male spectators, "2,4,6,8, gay men are really great." Her counterparts among the men wore T-shirts and carried slogans which proclaimed "God Is Coming and Is She Ever Pissed," "Support Your Local Feminist," and "He's Pretty, But Can He Type?"

Anticipated Christian fundamentalist anti-march protests took place in a handful of places in Washington. The last of the marchers to leave the assembly area were, in addition, the victims of a tear gas cannister, which police believed to be a smoke bomb until they themselves began to suffer the effects; no arrests were made.

In Los Angeles, over 1,300 gay people, joined by their friends and families, gathered near the Santa Monica Pier in a "Lights for Rights" support rally. Organized by Joy Commander of the San Gabriel Valley Coalition for Human Rights, the rally was a spectacular display of lights, with each person turning on his or her flashlight, one after the other, in what one participant described as "a quiet but powerful show of solidarity."



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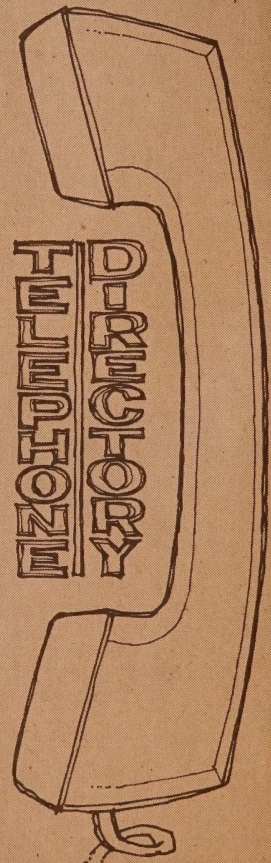
I would like to publicly take exception with a quote attributed to Don Amador in the article, "Attempts Made to Disrupt MOW Conference" in the October issue of the *Guardian*. Amador is quoted as inferring that it is socialists who are trying to wreck the march. I take exception to this. I, as well as other socialists, have been active in building this march and the gay movement. The people who are opposed to this march and our movement, are the right wing who support the status quo of oppression we suffer. They oppose our movement, and all movements for change. The left is actively involved in trying to get rights for gay men and lesbians, as well as for all people.

I am sure that Mr. Amador did not mean to imply that socialists are the gay movement's enemy. I hope that we can all work together for our freedom.

John O'Brien
 Los Angeles March on
 Washington Committee

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Other than the above-listed telephone numbers of community groups, the *Guardian* has suspended publication of its "Calendar of Community Events." The suspension results from, among other things, space considerations and the existence of a comprehensive guide to community events issued by the Gay Community Services Center. The *Guardian* believes that the GCSC Calendar well serves community needs, and suggests that persons interested in community events contact Art Aratin of the Center at 464-7400.



IMMIGRATION PROTESTS CONTINUE

The National Gay Task Force (NGTF) and the National Organization for Women (NOW) have jointly protested Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) policy toward the admission into the country of alien gays. In a four-page letter to Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti, representatives of both organizations appealed for Civiletti "to take charge of this situation by instructing INS to take a formal position that lesbians and gay men are no longer excludable."

INS policy since August has provided that foreign gay men and women may be temporarily admitted into the U.S. on a deferred inspection basis.

The two groups charged in the letter that the new policy amounts to "an acknowledgement by INS that there are no legal procedures currently available to continue exclusion of lesbian and gay male aliens," but that harassment and abuse of gays continues.

The letter was particularly critical of INS treatment of Canadian women attempting late in August to attend the Michigan Women's Music Festival by way of Port Huron. INS agents asked hundreds of the women such questions as "When was the last time you slept with a woman?/with a man?" "What do you do in bed?" "Why are you traveling with other women?" and "Do you realize lesbians are going to be at this music festival?" NGTF and NOW denounced the INS agents' behavior as a "degrading

public spectacle" and condemned the treatment of the women as "outrageous and abusive."

Anti-gay bias within the INS, it may be recalled, gained local attention in 1975, when the Los Angeles office notified two gay men, one an alien, that their relationship could not be recognized. After having been issued a marriage license by the state of Colorado, Anthony C. Sullivan, an Australian, and Richard C. Adams were married pursuant to Colorado law as then interpreted. Sullivan then applied to the Los Angeles INS office for resident alien status, on the basis of having married an American citizen. "You have failed to establish," responded the INS in a letter dated November 24, "that a bona fide marital relationship can exist between two fag-

gots." The resulting furor prompted the INS to issue a second letter upholding its decision, but deleting the word "fag-gots."

As we go to press, the *Guardian*, in a brief telephone interview with Sullivan, who is slated to appear before a Deportation Hearing in the near future, elicited the following observations. "It is my belief that if they (the INS) allow me to stay in the United States because of a valid love relationship with an American of the same sex, they will never be able to discriminate against gay people in immigration (cases) again."

Sullivan added that, "I get angry when I hear people say that the ACLU doesn't do anything — they came in to help before there ever was a Gay Rights Chapter."

GRC NOMINATIONS OPEN

Nominations to the GRC Board of Directors are now open, it was announced at the October general meeting.

"Members interested in being considered for nomination to the board, or who have suggestions for nominations," GRC member Tom Edison advised, "are asked to telephone the (GRC) office (213/466-6737) or, evenings and weekends, Steve Ginn (213/661-7376) or myself (213/547-1419)."

As co-chairs of the Nominating Com-

mittee, Edison and Ginn will announce the names of the other three committee members at the November general meeting. GRC bylaws require that a five-member nominating committee annually present a list of nominees for the Board of Directors at the December general meeting.

Five two-year positions on the board will be filled at the January general election meeting.

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- ☐ **HR 2074** (Waxman) . . . U.S. Congress bill to extend employment and housing to gays.
- ☐ **S1612/HR 5030 FBI Charter** . . . Dangerously expands FBI's authorized areas of activity. Larger definition of "terrorist activity" limiting assembly and protest. Permission for "Informants/Undercover Agents" to violate law.
- ☐ **S1722 Criminal Justice Bill** . . . So-called Grandchild of S1: The ACLU has fought prior versions of this repressive criminal code legislation expansion.
- ☐ **LA County Gay Rights Ordinance** . . . not yet introduced, but hopefully would extend employment and housing protection to all gay men and lesbians in Los Angeles County.
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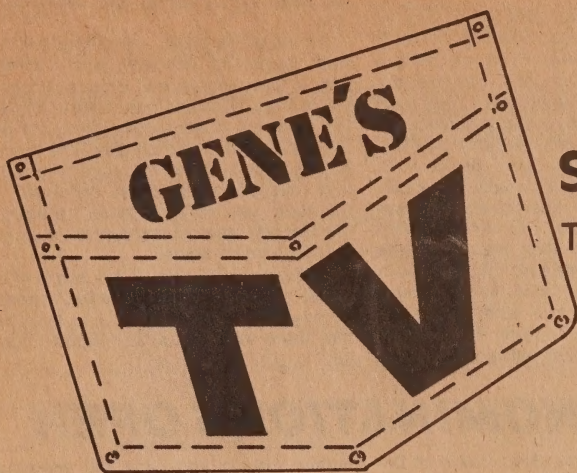
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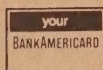
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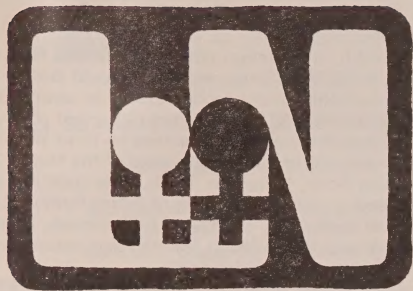
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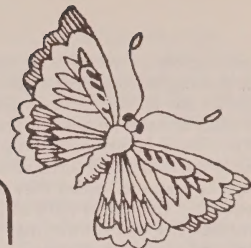
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GAYS RALLY IN SACRAMENTO

Despite the rain — which poured, and poured and poured — and despite newspaper coverage to the contrary, nearly 10,000 people rallied in Sacramento on January 13 to show their support of AB1 and SB18 and urge their passage through the state legislature.

AB1 and the identical SB18 would outlaw job discrimination against anyone on the basis of sexual preference. It was necessary for both of these bills to pass their respective house committee and be voted on by the full Assembly or Senate by the end of January in order for the bills not to "die" for this year.

Many supporters stayed in Sacramento on Monday, January 14th to lobby their legislators (or to thank them for their support if that was appropriate). A smaller rally called for at noon on Monday was also greeted by the weather-person with a quick, harsh downpour, after the sun had been shining most of the morning.

Efforts of the Gay community seems to have been to no avail, however, for on Wednesday following the demonstrations and lobbying, the Senate Industrial Relations Committee failed to vote the bill out of committee by a 4-3 vote. Apparently Gay rights legislation is not possible this year.

IF YOU WERE IN SACRAMENTO AND MISSED GETTING A SOUVENIR PROGRAM, OR IF YOU COULDN'T MAKE IT THERE (THIS TIME) BUT WOULD STILL LIKE TO BE PART OF IT ALL, SUPPORT THE MARCH COMMITTEE BY PURCHASING A SOUVENIR PROGRAM. ONLY FIFTY CENTS FROM THE GAY ARCHIVES IN HOLLYWOOD WITH ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO OFFSET THE COMMITTEE'S EXPENSES.

BOYCOTTS: HITTING 'EM WHERE IT HURTS

This is a continuation of the Lesbian News' series on boycotts. Please see the September and November 1979 issues for information concerning the boycott of Coors beer and the Nestle Corporation products.

Part III: J. P. Stevens Textiles versus "Norma Rae"

By Sue Dell

Wouldn't it be nice to believe "Norma Rae" was fiction or just past history? Well, it isn't. The film portrays a ruthless textile company, the second largest in the nation, which is in fact J. P. Stevens Company today. And the owners and stockholders are

heartless manufacturers who have no interest in health and safety in working conditions, equal opportunity in occupation, fair wages and economic benefits, United States law, nor the pointed and repeated citations by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). J. P. Stevens is virtually a company led by criminals.

The working conditions in these 85 textile mills are abominable. The dust from the cotton cloth is thick in the air and reaches over 12 times the level approved by OSHA. The cotton particles settle on surfaces, in food and drink, on clothing, and in human lungs. Over 30% of these workers will develop Brown Lung (byssinosis), and many will die from it. The noise levels often reach 104 decibels, 20 times OSHA approved levels. Over 50% of the workers exposed experience temporary or severe hearing loss. The shielding guards on machines are faulty, missing or inadequate, and result in about forty serious injuries a year *per plant*. When the North Carolina Department of Labor cited the unsafe machinery violation, J. P. Stevens responded by requesting extensions on the year-long deadlines. J. P. Stevens employees are exposed to occupational hazards eliminated in most honest companies by 1900!

Discrimination in their employment is blatant in the hiring of blacks and women for only clerical, janitorial, semi- and unskilled work classifications. White males, however, are quickly promoted to managerial, professional, technical and administrative positions. There is no equal pay for equal work, and the company has often relied on racial incitement to remove the possibility of unionizing. Minorities and women grapple to support their families daily, and hope for doubtful promotions.

Meanwhile, J. P. Stevens slips by the U.S. laws with tax evasion and avoidance, price fixing and overcharging, industrial piracy of textile innovations, electronic surveillance of the struggling union organizers, and unfair firing practices of union members. Sometimes with the cooperation of state politicians, the company operates under Watergate conditions and follows the ideology of "industrial clemency."

Employees endure all this, and for what? The earnings gap between North Carolina and the average of U.S. workers of equal productivity reflects textile workers impoverishment: \$250.00 monthly, as mill workers in South and North Carolina receive the very lowest wage rate in the country, (despite the fact that profit margins of the company are significantly higher in the Carolinas than anywhere else). The medical benefits are so poor for these textile industry states that the infant mortality rate is incredibly high and escalating. The number of physicians *per capita* is 30% lower than elsewhere. The proportion of crowded housing is 35% higher than the U.S. average, and the rate of illiteracy is 70% higher. These statistics add up to a massive situation of ghetto living conditions based on the poverty level wages being paid by a number-one employer — J. P. Stevens Company.

The AFL-CIO has worked desperately for sixteen years to establish improved conditions and union representation. Even in plants with union vote, the administration has not signed a single

contract in six years. J. P. Stevens employs bad-faith bargaining and deceptive practices to protect themselves, appease workers and pacify the NLRB. They engage sophisticated management professionals to keep unions out and to maximize worker exploitation. They show no sympathy for, nor interest in, the hundreds of tragically maimed and injured employees each year, firing them with no compensation when they are deemed no longer productive enough. The killing mills of J. P. Stevens are illustrations of the massive criminal control they hold over the social and economic activity in these two states.

And wouldn't it be nice if we could stop them? The government apparently can't. Despite about 1200 violations of the National Labor Relations Act, the NLRB has been able to do little other than punish them financially, little harm done to a company spanning the area of North and South Carolina! Obviously fines will not force compliance, so what can be done? Union members and former employees tell their tragic and disgusting stories, and beg you to Boycott J. P. Stevens and their affiliates. Write the company and tell them you will not stand for destruction of the rights of fellow human beings and workers. Spread the word and put economic pressure on this felon. **BOYCOTT J. P. STEVENS!!!**

For further information, contact Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union, J. P. Stevens Boycott, 2501 S. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90007 or call 749-6161.

BOYCOTT FOLLOWUPS

The World Health Organization (WHO) and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has announced they would draft a code of ethics for marketing infant foods. This is an obvious response to the aggressive campaign by feminists, clergy and good groups to stop the dreadful marketing practices in Third World countries — particularly the marketing practices of the Nestle Corporation (see Lesbian News, November 1979). The code will call for an immediate end to public advertising of infant formula, unethical promotion of formula to health care professionals, promotional distribution of samples in health facilities and industry personnel activity in health care facilities.

And in another action, American Cyanamid was fined \$10,000 for a policy that required women employees to be sterilized in order to continue working in certain areas of their West Virginia plant. The fine is the maximum OSHA can level.

Locally, however, the Rev. Troy Perry of the Metropolitan Community Church and Fellowship has accepted the gift of a truck for the fellowship from the Adolph Coors Brewing Company.

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Features

WOMEN AND ALCOHOL

By Terri L. Cosgriff and Pamela Kelley

Women and alcohol. The subject isn't funny or comfortable. It isn't even popular as a "women's issue". Perhaps it should be, however, for it involves a very old form of insuring the status quo — the sedation of oppressed people. The drug alcohol is used by a majority of women: lesbians and non-lesbians, young and old, black, brown, Asian, white, Indian, physically challenged women, homemakers, executives, rich and poor women. Some are abusers, some are alcoholics and many may face serious life problems simply because of the use of this socially acceptable and legal drug. The intent of this article is not to make judgements about individual women and their drinking behavior. It is simply an effort to carry on one of the strongest methods of empowering women — communication. The intent is to share information which can provide a basis for personal decisions about drinking, and for assisting other women facing similar concerns.

To start with, one of patriarchal society's myths is that women

don't drink as much as men do, and another is that if women do drink, they don't develop problems as frequently as men. The facts are that about six out of every ten adult women drink alcohol and one out of those six will, on the average, develop some kind of problem with the drug. These figures may even be increasing since recent polls taken for young adults indicate that the number of new female drinkers is increasing by a ratio of two to one over new male drinkers. Although society's attitudes regarding the woman who drinks have relaxed somewhat over the years, the double standard is still in force for the woman alcohol abuser. Drinking practices and behavior which are condoned in men are condemned in women. Because of this condemnation, the people closest to the woman alcohol abuser may protect her from the consequences of her drinking — the very consequences that might motivate her to seek help.

The societal double standard and condemnation that women in general face in regard to alcohol operates with even more vicious effects for lesbians. As is true of many minority groups that are the victims of systematic and on-going discrimination, the dynamic of "oppression sickness" manifests itself within the lesbian community — alienation, despair, low self-esteem and high rates of alcohol and other drug abuse. A 1975 study done in Los Angeles found that 25 to 35% of the gay community experienced problems with alcohol, a significantly higher figure than the estimated 10 to 15% for the general population.

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The Lesbian News is a monthly newsletter providing an outlet for points of view for all segments of the Lesbian/feminist community. Although our space is limited, we will always have room for points of view other than our own, and for rebuttals to that which we publish. We invite community participation in the creation of a community newsletter. All women are invited to attend the monthly Staff meeting as indicated in the calendar.

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As a drug of abuse, alcohol can have a insidious effect on oppressed people. Lesbians are often separated and alienated from their families, friends and co-workers, hiding an important part of themselves. Many still find that, despite the existence of the "women's community", their only social outlets are women's bars. Alcohol is the soothant that is often used in one or more stages of the coming-out process; to ease the pain, to hide the truth, to make it easier to approach another woman, to be able to enjoy women.

Even as oppressed groups are more vulnerable to the risks of alcohol and other drug abuse, these same "sub-communities" also tend to extract certain values and rules for living from the dominant community, if only to nullify some of that community's oppressiveness. The values and rules for the dominant community regarding alcohol encourage its use, do not deal effectively with its abuse and promote the drug as an acceptable social lubricant and powerful emotional sedative. If lesbians, as a community, accept the values, rules, attitudes and behavior of the larger community regarding alcohol, how do they, as lesbians deal with the inevitable problems that come from the encouraged, undefined, unlimited or unquestioned alcohol use among themselves?

One way of empowering a group to deal with a problem is, as stated earlier, communication -- talking about the issues to each other. Perhaps the most powerful resource is a certain and deliberate support for sisters who are struggling, a support which can include a pursuing of information and education, a gathering and sharing of helping people and places. By bringing a very old problem out of the closet, so to speak, lesbians can face alcohol abuse as a community issue. By not hiding or ignoring the problem, by not responding to their sisters as "bad girls" or "sick women", lesbians will not allow themselves to participate in the values and behaviors of a society that does not meet their needs.

Resources for women in general are limited and those services which specifically address the lesbian alcohol abuser are even more restricted. In Los Angeles County, one resource which serves the lesbian community is the Alcoholism Center for Women located at 1147 South Alvarado Street in Los Angeles. ACW provides comprehensive residential and non-residential services to women who have a primary problem with alcohol. The center promotes a home-like, caring and non-judgemental environment that is supportive of lesbian and non-lesbian women. ACW also provides Outreach, information, referral, Education and Prevention services. The Center is open for visitors or calls at 381-7805, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Women helping women to become sober, strong, capable and competent is part of the ACW recovery process. It can also be part of the process of building a responsive, sharing and sisterly community.

AUTOPSY OF A FEMINIST BUSINESS

By Carol Urist

A unique feminist business has closed its doors to the public after about five years of financial hardship and personal satisfaction. I feel that it should not have ended this way. In an effort to understand why, I asked Sandy Tate and Jill Crawford, owners of Feminist Horizons, to analyze the situation from all angles. In the spirit of "never again", I'd like to share with you what they have learned.

The first question I asked was, "Are you bitter?" Sandy replied,

I'm not bitter or mad at my sisters. The reason we didn't make it is because we are an oppressed group. We have a low consciousness, along with a naive understanding of money. It's not women's fault that they're poor. It's part of our oppression that we don't know about finances. They don't know that we're floundering. Add to that, women in great numbers are not consciously aware of what it takes to support the women's community. The overall blow was the recession.

I asked for examples and got some eye openers.

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Women think they should get a discount if they buy more than one item. They ask for a wholesale price. This is just one more way of expecting women to do volunteerism. Why do they expect women to make less of a profit? They don't understand the mathematics of volume. To us volume is ten items a week. To Sav-On its 10,000. Women ask if we are giving part of our profits to the ERA or some other worthwhile cause. How are you going to earn a living if you give part of your proceeds away? That's for a big corporation to do. That's one of the questions that angers us most. We know the person isn't aware of the power of money and how it's used. One day I got so angry I said, we're two feminist women trying to make a living; and we think that's worthwhile. It's time we stop giving our energy away. We are worth something as people.

Actually, Sandy's mother has put money into the business from the beginning.

The mail order business is doing better; but it's still not making a living. People don't realize that we have to pay for the photos, printing, mailing and inventory costs. We did OK at the National NOW convention because we had more variety than most booths. But for the number of people attending and the long hours, we didn't do well at all. Very often women won't go out of their way to patronize a feminist store. They ask if there is a store like this in their neighborhood. We tell them, this is the only one of its kind in the world. It's a total lack of understanding of what goes on in the world. They are being naive.

If you think business and profit were their only concerns, read on.

A very important and political part of the business was referrals and raising women's consciousness. For example, many older women, who don't know what to do with themselves after a divorce, come in here. These are our mothers and our grandmothers. It's the emptiness syndrome. We give them literature and support. We talk to them, representing a little bit of security for them. They need that first step before they can take the next step which would be to contact NOW or GCSC. Women have never heard of these organizations.

We sell a lot of vibrators. Where else can women go and not be embarrassed to ask questions? Now they will have to go to a dirty book store or resort to an impersonal catalogue. Women come here who have never had an orgasm. We refer them to therapists. The reason why this store was opened was so women could identify with symbols and slogans. They need to do that because they are oppressed. We tried to get women to feel good about themselves. These symbols raise our consciousness. They (the gifts) are a luxury. They are also a necessity, because it's a political reality that a store like this is needed because we are oppressed. That symbol around your neck is your guts. Most people do not realize that we are as oppressed as we are; so we try to talk to people. We just ask that women think of a feminist business next time they need a calendar, gift or book. Don't go to Pickwick. If we sold books it would have saved us. But we never wanted to because we didn't want to compete with Sisterhood Bookstore. Because we're sisters, we didn't put in a book section.

Sandy and Jill organized the Feminist Storefront, a coalition of businesses in order to set up a community network to solve problems. "When we got together, we all disclosed to each other that none of us were making a living," Sandy continued, "both of us are the kind of people who throw all of our energy into our work. When it's over there is nothing to do except look back on what we got out of it, and what good we did. Now we will put our energy into the mail order catalogue."

Jill added "word of mouth is the best way to raise women's

consciousness. We need to educate ourselves. Tell everyone you come in contact with, what it takes to support the women's community. We need to go out of our way to support each other. Think of a feminist business next time you need a service."

These are just some of the reasons they gave for the closing of their store. I feel certain that the feminist community has lost a lot more than just a store. Their business was political, educational and sisterly. I invite your comments to this editorial.

Feminist Horizons gift store is closed. The mail order catalogue will continue: 965 Elizabeth St., Pasadena, Ca. 91104, 213-798-6259.

Community

ANN LANDERS REBUFS GAYS

In her syndicated column recently, Ann Landers responded to a letter from a Lesbian who argued for "coming out of the closet," the "A great many people . . . do not believe homosexuality is 'normal and healthy,' and I am among them."

She further indicated that she receives thousands of letters from male homosexuals (not many from Lesbians) who "are desperately unhappy and would give anything to be straight."

If you would care to comment to Ms. Landers, you may write her in care of any newspaper that carries her column, including the Valley News at PO Box 310, Van Nuys 91408.

—Valley News

LESBIANS OF COLOR PICKET PALMS

In mid-December, several members of Lesbians of Color picketed the Palms on Santa Monica Blvd. protesting certain practices of the Palms staff which LOC considers racist.

Specifically, LOC indicates that several members went to the bar on November 18th after their regular meeting and staff demanded three pieces of identification (usually one is enough) and refused to serve them non-alcoholic beverages.

During the picket, which was attended by about 50 women, demands were presented to the management of the Palms. Several would-be patrons honored the picket line and did not enter.

Lesbians of Color is requesting the community boycott the Palms.

—Press Release

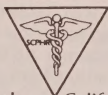
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A GALAS EVENT!

All women are cordially invited to attend "An Intimate Dinner for 150: Celebrating Eleanor Roosevelt and all Great Lesbians Around the World." The event will be held on March 8, International Women's Day.

This event, a sit-down dinner and performance, is a fundraiser for the Great American Lesbian Art Show (GALAS), a national series of exhibits and events honoring Lesbian creativity. The event will feature a performance by "The Waitresses," a Los Angeles performance art group, and a vegetarian dinner catered by "twolip art." Beginning at 8 PM, the celebration takes place at Jett's Cafe, 964 W. Manchester Blvd. in Los Angeles.

Tickets go on sale February 1st at \$25, \$15, \$10 and \$5. Reservations are a must. Women are asked to choose tickets based upon what they can afford to pay — the price does NOT determine special seating or menu. To make reservations, please call Terry Wolverton at 467-4893. Childcare will be provided upon advance request. Alcoholic beverages will not be served. Smoking and nonsmoking seating is available.

—Press Release

SELF DEFENSE COURSE

A course on self defense for women will be offered by Patti Giggans, beginning on Thursday, March 6 and continuing every Thursday of March from 7:30-10 PM. The course will be held at the dance studio, Room to Move, 312 Venice Way, Venice. The total cost is \$30.

Ms. Giggans holds a black belt in karate and instructs women-only classes, called Karatewomen, as well as classes for children, Karatekids. The self defense course is being given in conjunction with the Women Take Back the Night march scheduled for April

19th in Hollywood. The march and associated events are being held to educate people on violence against women and on women's power to change society.

For more information about the self defense course, please call Patti Giggans at 454-7947.

—Press Release

GALAS PARTICIPANT MEETINGS

There will be two meetings during February for those persons interested in participating in the Great American Lesbian Art Show later in the year. The meetings will be held at the Gay Community Services Center, 1213 N. Highland Blvd., in Hollywood. Beginning time is 7:00 PM on Thursday, February 7 and Thursday, February 21. For further information, please call Jody at 796-3632).

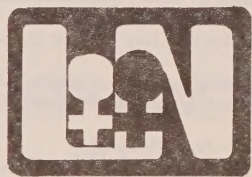
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GAY ADOLESCENT PROGRAM

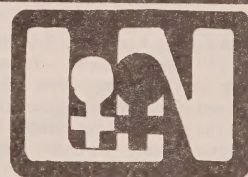
Charlotte Spitzer, Project Coordinator for the Center for Family Living announces a program to assist families with a homosexual child to re-establish family ties. The focus of the Coping with Differences Program is on strengthening the family, promoting understanding, and furthering effective communication among its members.

Hours are M-W-F 9-5, T-Th 9-9 and Sat 9-Noon. Payment for services is based upon ability to pay and private insurance and medical is accepted. For further information, please contact the Center for Family Living, 14530 Hamlin St., Van Nuys or call Charlotte Spitzer at 988-8050, ext. 322.

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Ivy Bottini, an open Lesbian who serves on the board of trustees of **Friends of the Gay Community Services Center**, has been named by Gov. Edmund G. Brown, Jr. to the California commission on Aging.

Bottini has described herself as "a public speaker in feminist and Lesbian/Gay issues." She has worked as an artist and a professional comic and now sells real estate.

—Gay Community News

CALIFIA MEET AND WOMEN'S DANCE

The Califia Community is sponsoring a Valentine's Celebration Dance, a Women's Community Reunion meeting and a pot luck supper on Saturday, February 9 at the Church in Ocean park, 2nd and Hill Streets in Santa Monica.

The pot luck supper will begin the evening at 5 PM; bring food to share. At 6:30 there will be a Califia Reunion Meeting which will include women sharing their experiences and growth since the last Califia reunion. An announcement will also be made concerning this year's all-woman summer camp.

A women's dance will begin at 8 PM featuring the live D.J. music of Barbara Lum (Joy Sound). Disco classics from past to present will be featured, along with slow music favorites. There is a \$2.50 admission donation for the dance, but no one will be turned away due to lack of funds. Child care provided. For further information, please call Alice at 933-1496 or Barbara at 292-6606.

—Press Release

EXHIBITION ENTRIES CALL

The Woman's Building is inviting all women to submit work for the upcoming exhibition of "Woman Woman Work," which will take place from May 3 through May 31st. The format is an 8½ x 11" sheet of paper. It can be original art, xerox, photography, writing or any other use of size format which creates a statement about woman identification of sensibility.

The show will be curated by Arlene Raven, Sue Maberry and Betsy Blosser. To enter, send your piece to Woman Woman World, c/o the Woman's Building, 1727 N. Spring St., Los Angeles, CA 90012. Mark envelopes "DO NOT BEND." Enclose your name and address and a \$5 entry fee to cover the costs of installation. Deadline for entries is March 1, 1980.

—Spinning Off



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—Monday evenings, 7:30 PM: Israeli folk dancing and backgammon tutoring.

—Tuesdays: An events group will attend concerts and theater.

—Tuesdays, 8 PM: Cantor Art Freeman will conduct a choral singing class.

—Wednesdays, 7:30 PM: Rap group.

—Thursdays, 7:45 PM: Rabbi Keith Stern will offer bible studies and beginning and brush-up Hebrew.

—Fridays, 8:30 PM: Sabbath services.

All classes and events will take place at the Temple, 6000 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles. For further information call 931-5308.

—Press Release

POLICE REVIEW BOARD CAMPAIGN MEETING

Lesbians, Gays and feminists are invited to attend a public meeting to initiate Los Angeles' campaign for a civilian police review board.

A film, "The Murder of Fred Hampton," will be shown and there will be a panel discussion and speakout with Ann Davis and Jeff Cohen (Co-chairs), Steven Durham (Union of Lesbians and Gay Men) and Linda Lucas (Lesbians of Color). There will also be skits.

The meeting will be held February 2 at 7 PM at Channing Hall of the Unitarian Church, 2936 W. 8th St in Los Angeles (that's one block east of Vermont). It is sponsored by the Union of Lesbians and Gay Men, Lesbians of Color, Radical Women, Freedom Socialist Party, Feminist Women's Health Center, The Black Panther party and the Lesbian and Gay Student Union of Los Angeles City College.

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After five and a half years of struggle, Sojourner Bookstore, located in Long Beach, finds it no longer possible to keep their doors open and will close permanently on March 15th.

Maria Dominguez and Carol Irene indicate that they have never been able to support themselves and that they now find that due to the recession and changes in the women's movement, the store no longer generates enough money to pay expenses. They would like to thank all of the women who have consistently supported them in the business and strongly urge that all women make the support of women's businesses a priority issue in their lives.

Sojourner will have all merchandise and fixtures on sale. For further information, please call 433-5384.

—Press Release

(Editor's Note: If you have not read the Feature article on the closing of Feminist Horizons, please go back and do so. We are sure many of the answers there would apply also to Sojourner, and we urge all women to consider what is happening in our community.)

BEYOND BAROQUE GAY DEADLINE EXTENDED

The deadline for the special Gay issue or section of *Beyond Baroque* has been extended to March 15th, 1980. Submissions after that date will be considered for future issues. Manuscripts can be addressed to Dept G., *Beyond Baroque*, PO Box 806, Venice 90291 and be accompanied by a statement by the author.

—Beyond Baroque

TAX RETURNS FOR ERA DONATION

Norma Hair, tax accountant, will prepare certain kinds of tax returns for women for a \$10 donation to the ERA. To qualify you must need only the short form 1040A and qualify as head of household, earn under \$11,000 and be a NOW member.

The only additional forms you must have are the child care credit form and the earned income credit form. If you qualify, call Norma at 427-4389.

—The NOW Times

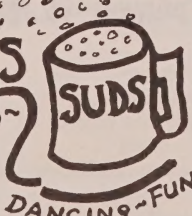
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—The Gay Catholic

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The employment departments of the Alcoholism Center for Women and the Gay Community Services Center will be continuing their efforts in working with women for:

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—support groups for working women

—future weekend seminars on career planning

For more information call GCSC (Lesbians and Gays) at 464-7400, ext. 226, or ACW (women only) at 381-7805.

—Press Release

INCEST SURVIVORS GROUPS FORM

The first meeting of the Incest Awareness Project's Survivor Groups was held on January 25th at the Gay Community Services Center, 1213 N. Highland Ave., Los Angeles.

The groups are small and ongoing, led by trained facilitators. Total confidentiality is guaranteed and they are open to all women regardless of sexual preference or age.

Incest is one of the most heinous of crimes; insidious because of its prevalence and invisibility. Through survivor groups, it is hoped that women may come together and gain validity for their struggle as well as regain power in their lives.

For further information, please call 464-7400, ext. 231.

—Press Release

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The Gay Academic Union and the Whitman-Brooks Foundation has released the complete list of recipients of their 1979 achievement awards as follows:

- Humanitarian Award: Abigail (Dear Abby) Van Buren
 - Performing Arts Award: Meg Christian
 - Literature Award: Christopher Isherwood
 - E.C.Hooker Research Award: Letitia Anne Peplau, Susan Cochran, Karen Rook, Christine Padesky (UCLA Dept. of Psych.)
 - Fine Arts Award: Paul Cadmus
 - Theory Development Award: Vivienne Cass
 - Special Recognition Award: Barbara Gittings
 - Special Recognition Award: Gov. Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
 - President's Award: Donald C. Knutson (Gay Rights Advocates)
 - Founder's Award: Betty Berzon
 - Whitman-Brooks Trustee's Award for Outstanding Achievement: Betty Berzon
- For more information about the GAU, write them at 856 Westmount Dr., Los Angeles 90069.

—Press Release

IN/SITES AT THE WOMAN'S BUILDING

In/Sites, a selection of sculpture and installation works by six prominent artists, opens February 14th at the Woman's Building Gallery, 1727 N. Spring St., Los Angeles.

The exhibition offers a perspective on several current directions pursued by West Coast sculptors. Included in the exhibit are Marsia Alexander, Maren Hassinger, Sheila Klein, Coleen Sterritt, Jolynn Suzar and Cheryl Swannack.

An opening reception will begin at 8 PM on February 14th and will include a film by Marsia Alexander documenting her ongoing desert works. For further information, please call 221-6161.

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There are 10 classes in each series, which is being offered for \$50 per series. Classes begin as follows:

- Tarot Reading, Tuesday, February 19, 7:30 PM
- Astrology Class, Thursday, February 21, 7:30 PM

For further information or to enroll, please call 399-3919.

—Press Release

Your Home

By Ann Eggleston

The roof over your head is one of the most important decisions you ever make; it should be done wisely and carefully; rent, lease, buy or sell.

Question: How can solar energy be applied to the home I live in now?

Any system that reduces consumption of conventional fuels by using the sun's energy, to heat or cool, is a solar system.

Many passive systems, which are fairly simple and inexpensive, can be utilized to conserve energy and use the sun's energy to its full advantage. When installing window treatments, use thermal curtains, shades or insulating shutters. In the winter keep them open during the sunny part of the day and closed as it cools. In the summer months, they should be kept closed, to block out the sun's heat and opened as it cools. Insulate your hot water heater and hot water pipes. If you own your own home, the expense of insulating the walls and ceiling will pay off in reduced fuel bills plus a more marketable home at the time you sell. Weather-stripping doors and windows and caulking cracks eliminates drafts and conserves considerable energy. Planting certain trees and foliage will provide summer shade, which will help insulate your home.

Should you want to retrofit your present home with an active system, you have much more to consider. An active system currently consists of six essential units to collect, control and distribute solar heat.

—Solar Collector: intercepts solar radiation and converts it to heat.

—Thermal Storage Unit: liquid or air which stores excess heat.

—Auxiliary Heat Source: used as a back up when collector is unable to meet demands.

—Heat Distribution System: usually a blower and duct system.

—Cooling Distribution System

—Cooling Unit: many different ones are being experimented with. Domestic hot water should also be considered, because it uses the sun's energy so effectively.

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Some of the factors you need to consider in retrofitting an active solar system: equipment cost; auxiliary energy cost; installation cost; loan interest rate, if necessary; maintenance and service costs; income tax savings; fuel cost savings.

Considering whether utilization of solar energy is necessary or feasible has already been established. The lack of fuels makes it imperative to utilize solar energy. Your only question should be, when?

(This is a continuing column. Our columnist is a Realtor Associate and Solar Energy Consultant. Address your inquiries to her at 11345 Ventura Blvd, Suite Z, Studio City 91604.)

The Orange Corner

By Carol Urist

Welcome to Orange County, Private Stock, a new Lesbian bar. Colleen and Catherine have just moved out here from San Francisco and Texas, respectively. Supporters of the Lesbian and Gay movement, they opened this bar, not to compete, but to try something new. The decor is San Francisco style with wood paneling and lots of green plants. They specialize in imported wines and beers. You'll love their classy stemware! With live entertainment, disco dancing, pool, peanuts, and most important, an assortment of non-alcoholic beverages for their hypoglycemic, diabetic and recovering alcoholic friends, who could ask for anything more. Tuesdays will be ladies night; Thursdays they will serve cheeses from 7 PM on; and Sundays they plan to have a buffet with live music from 5 PM on. Note their party listed below.

Possibly the largest Lesbian and Gay event to take place in O.C. this winter will be the Resource Day, sponsored by the Self Center in Orange. More than 30 businesses have been invited to this day of sharing. See details below.

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Parents and Friends of Gays (OC) presents a new lecture series. Eris Hirdler, M.S., will talk about self-image as equated with self-esteem. 7 PM, 614 Bush St., Santa Ana (964-4392)

Saturday, February 9

Lesbian and Gay Resource Day at Cal State Fullerton, sponsored by the Self Center. 9 AM, \$10 (997-2169)

Thursday, February 14

Valentine's Day buffet, live entertainment at the Private Stock, 12792 Brookhurst, Garden Grove. 8 PM, about \$3 (636-7475)

Saturday, February 23

Eileen Connolly, author of *Taro: A Handbook for the Apprentice*, will autograph her new book. The Magic Speller Bookstore, 506 31st St., Newport Beach. 12-3 PM.

Sunday, February 24

One in Long Beach presents a lecture by Mina Robinson, Instructor, Coastline Community College, "The Older Lesbian: Myths and Realities." At MCC, 785 Junipero Ave., Long Beach. 3 PM, donation.

NORTH OC N.O.W. MEETS

The North Orange County Chapter of the National Organization for Women now holds their monthly General Meetings on the third Tuesday of the month. The location is the same: Euclid Branch of the Anaheim Public Library, 1340 S. Euclid, Anaheim (between Ball and Cerritos). Their telephone number is now (714) 953-0180.

—Press Release

ORANGE COUNTY GAY & LESBIAN RESOURCE DAY

Saturday, February 9, 1980

Registration: 9:30-10:00 AM } at California State Univ.
Conference: 10:00 AM-4:30 PM } Fullerton

Wine & Cheese Party: 8:00 PM } at The Self Center
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For Further Information, Please Contact

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California

HOMOPHOBIA GEARS UP IN SAN JOSE

Sufficient signatures have been gathered to force a referendum for the June 3, 1980 elections in Santa Clara County.

A Gay Rights ordinance was passed there last summer, after Proposition 6 was defeated 61-39% in November 1978. The referendum is to repeal that ordinance. The Democratic Party and the AFL-CIO has indicated they will support the Gay community against the repeal of the ordinance. Additionally, the Lesbian Rights Task Force of California N.O.W. has said they will actively support the defeat of the referendum.

Others who wish to support this important vote in California may send contributions to the Ad Hoc Committee for Human Rights, PO Box 26126, San Jose, CA 95159.

—Plexus, others

DISCRIMINATION CASES SOUGHT

Persons who feel they have been discriminated against because they are perceived as homosexual or as departing from feminine and masculine stereotypes, are being sought by the Center for Homosexual Education, Evaluation and Research (CHEER).

The group has obtained a grant from the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare to study possible violations of the civil liberties of such persons, and the results of the study will be important to protecting the rights of these people. The study will be based on a series of confidential interviews.

Write CHEER researchers in care of the National Gay Task Force, 80 Fifth Ave., Suite 1601, New York, NY 10011.

—Gay Community News

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LESBIAN PRESBYTERIAN PRESSURED

Jane A. Spahr, a Lesbian Presbyterian minister and executive director of the Council of Oakland Presbyterian Churches, has resigned under duress. The action came despite the denomination's official position that it is inappropriate to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation. Spahr's sexuality came to the attention of the council through its personnel committee and was discussed at a December council meeting.

—The Advocate

CALIFORNIA NEWS SHORTS

The Santa Cruz Boys' Club, which receives 15% of its financing from United Way, must admit girls as members according to the ruling by a Superior Judge . . .

A new shelter for battered women is scheduled to open in Seal Beach if opponents do not shatter the secrecy of the location. Interval House would be the second such facility in Orange County . . .

Aides of Gov. Jerry Brown estimate nearly \$20,000 has been raised from the Gay community for Brown's presidential race. Brown's direct appeal to the Gay community represents a break in tradition . . .

Diane Abbitt of Reseda, a local Lesbian attorney, has been appointed to a two-year term on the South Coast Regional Commission. Abbitt is also a member of the Los Angeles County Commission on the Status of women and co-founder of the New Alliance for Gay Equality and the Lesbian Rights Task Force of Los Angeles N.O.W. . . .

Frameline, a non-profit Gay film collective, will be accepting entries this Spring for the Fourth Annual San Francisco Gay Film Festival to be screened during Gay Pride Week in June. For applications or more information, write them at 330 Grove Street, San Francisco, CA 94114 . . .

The 11th National Conference on Women and the Law will be held Feb. 28-Mar 2 at the San Francisco Civic Center. To register or obtain additional information, contact the Conference at Golden Gate University, 536 Mission St., San Francisco, CA 94105, (415) 442-7258 . . .

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NGTF PROTESTS ABC'S "HOMOSEXUALS"

The National Gay Task Force has responded to the December airing of *ABC News Close-Up: Homosexuals*, stating that, "While community response to the program has been mixed, the overwhelming reaction that we have received has been negative."

In a prepared statement, NGTF said the documentary is being protested for several reasons, among them that "through editorialized content," the film claims to represent a genuine summary portrait of Lesbian and Gay life in America; that Lesbians are underrepresented in the film; the major portion of the film is devoted to the personal agony suffered by a small number plus other discrepancies to real life.

NGTF Co-Executive Directors Lucia Valeska and Charles Brydon made it clear that they did not "in any way want to condemn the courageous contribution made by those Lesbians and Gay men who were willing to share their stories with the producers and viewers."

—Gay Community News

GAYS TO BE HEARD IN 1980

The National Convention Project seeks to "load" the 1980 nominating conventions with Gay and pro-Gay delegates with the goal to getting both major parties to include a Gay rights plank.

Specifically, the Gay Platform Plank would read:

We affirm the right of all Lesbian and Gay Americans to full participation in the social, political and economic life of the country, without fear of prejudice or reprisals based on sexual orientation.

To support this commitment and give life to this principle, we call for an executive order, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in all government employment and government programs, and further we support the enactment of legislation to protect the civil rights of Gay people and the repeal of all laws which are used to stigmatize persons on the basis of sexual orientation.

Meanwhile, the National Gay Task Force has announced

that Senator Edward M. Kennedy has promised to sign just such an Executive Order should he be elected president. He also indicated that he would support the plank in the Democratic platform. NGTF has not yet received a reply from the Carter/Mondale campaign. Gov. Jerry Brown has already signed such an Executive Order for the State of California, and would also support a national order.

—NGTF, The Advocate,
Gay Community News

NATIONAL NEWS SHORTS

In protest to the Mormon Church's excommunication of E.R.A. supporter Sonia Johnson, Leanne Boyd of Denver, who also supports the E.R.A., has asked the elders of the church to excommunicate her as well. In a letter to her bishop, she gave 18 points why she cannot accept Mormon doctrine and said she was dismayed at Johnson's excommunication . . .

Speaking of . . . Sonia Johnson has confirmed that she and her husband have been separated for several weeks. She said she will continue speaking on behalf of the E.R.A. and appealing her excommunication from the Mormon Church . . .

After four years of litigation, the Feminist Women's Health Center of Tallahassee has won the right to bring an anti-trust suit against six physicians who they charge are attempting to restrain trade and monopolize health care by boycotting the clinic (i.e., refusing to work in the clinic, thereby depriving women of the clinic's services) . . .

New England's largest daily newspaper, the *Boston Globe*, has promised to appoint a staff member as liaison to the Lesbian and Gay community there. The action came as a result of Gay reaction to their coverage (or lack thereof) of the National March on Washington . . .

The NGTF has announced that it will use "every available means" to halt a Justice Department proposal that would force selected foreign visitors to answer questions about their private sexual behavior. In the past, this effort has largely been directed against suspected Lesbian and Gay aliens . . .

Speaking of . . . the NGTF has presented the Gay Rights Petition, signed by over 51,000 persons in the U.S., to Assistant to the President Ann Wexler and Domestic Policy Staff aide Bob Malson. Wexler indicated that an executive order and other steps are "under active consideration" . . .

Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a professor at Columbia Law School and a staunch supporter of the E.R.A. and women's rights, has been named by Pres. Jimmy Carter to a seat on the federal appeals court in the District of Columbia. She has handled many constitutional law cases involving claims of sex discrimination, and is considered a potential candidate for any vacancy which might occur on the U.S. Supreme Court . . .

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The Northwest Gay Conference has been set for March 14-16 in the university cities of Moscow (ID) and Pullman (WA). The principal focus of the conference will be on the concerns of Lesbians and Gay men in the Pacific Northwest for the new decade. For information write the Northwest Gay Peoples Alliance, PO Box 8758, Moscow, ID 83843 . . .

"Christian Voice" has called on "concerned Christians" to flood Congress with letters opposing the national Gay/Lesbian civil rights bill in the House (HR2074). They are calling for 500,000 letters to offset the 100,000 marchers in Washington . . .

Meanwhile, the Rev. Jerry Falwell has begun a second anti-Gay lobby on Capitol Hill called "The Moral Majority." He continues his strong anti-Gay attacks, linking Gays to "child molesters and rapists" and calling for his 90,000 readers and followers to write their legislators also . . .

The House of Representatives has moved to curtail the use of Medicaid funds for abortions unless there is a direct threat to the mother's life. The decision will add to Carter's health bill a ban on the use of such funds for abortions on the grounds of rape or incest . . .

Gay veterans with a less than fully honorable discharge dating back over fifteen years have been given an extension of time to update those discharges. The deadline has been extended to April 1, 1981. Assistance is available by asking any VA office for a copy of *The Veteran's Self-Help Guide to Discharge Upgrading* . . .

The National Gay Task Force has made another appeal to the national Gay community for financial support. Memberships and contributions are urgently needed to continued their lobbying efforts. Send to NGTF, 80 Fifth Ave., Suite 506, New York, NY 10011 . . .

International

NORWAY HANDS GAY RIGHTS SETBACK

The Norway Committee for Criminal Law, evaluating existing penalty codes and ruling out bills in consideration, has made a negative decision on a bill to give homosexuals judicial protection from discrimination.

Most people thought a Gay rights bill would be enacted because both Gay organizations and individuals have made great efforts to reach this goal. Proponents of the anti-discrimination bill contend it was not passed simply because two elderly members of the committee, both well-known lawyers, stated it would violate freedom of speech.

---San Diego Update

VANCOUVER ANTI-GAY CONVERTED

The Rev. Neil Vant, a well-known opponent of Gay rights in Vancouver, has converted. A member of the British Columbia Human Rights Commission, Vant recently pressed for Gay rights legislation, has begun reading about Gays, and offered to champion Gay rights issues.

Vant simply said his previous remarks calling Gays child molesters and urging job discrimination were erroneous and that Human Rights Commissioners have little experience with such issues before their appointment to the Commission. The Commission now supports Gay rights laws and funding for Gay educational and community projects.

---San Diego Update.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS SHORTS

The International Movement of Catholics for the Rights and Equality of Homosexuals announces the publication of a newsletter, *Lepidus*. It will be printed in English, French, Dutch, German, Spanish, Portuguese and Italian at present. Write them at: Postbus 1566, 6501 BN Nijmegen, The Netherlands . . .

In somewhat of a reversal of policy, an Amnesty International committee now recommends that people jailed strictly because of their homosexuality NOT be supported by the human rights organization as "prisoners of conscience." The ruling was short-circuited in committee and not voted on at the organization's recent International Council in Belgium . . .

The Committee of Latin American Homosexuals asks all organizations and persons who sympathize with the struggle for Gay rights to send protest letters for "atrocious acts" as follows:

—to Brazilian newspaper *Istoe* for firing nine reporters who had worked on an article about Gays.

—to the Rio de Janeiro, Brazil police for holding six Lampiao publishing house members since February 17, 1979 without yet bringing them to trial.

—to the Brazilian police for censoring a non-homosexual periodical, *Reporter*, because it published an article on Lesbianism.

—to the Buenos Aires, Argentina police for arresting tens of homosexuals in the "Club Privado" and "persuading" them to sign a paper confessing they were homosexuals.

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Calendar

The following listings are published as a service to the community. We seek the assistance of all community organizations to make this calendar complete. Where a fee is charged for profit, a donation of \$1 is required for each calendar entry. Deadline for the March issue is February 15th with no time extension.

Every Sunday

Holy Trinity Community Church Morning Services, 3301 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood. 10:30 AM (662-8841)

MCC Long Beach Morning Services, 785 Junipero Ave., Long Beach 11:00 AM (434-1944)

Lesbians of Color, Alcoholism Center for Women, 1147 S. Alvarado, Los Angeles. 5:00 PM (381-7805)

MCC West Bay Church Services, 1260 18th St., Santa Monica. 6:30 PM (450-6670)

Lesbian Raps, CSU Northridge Women's Center, 9428 Etiwanda, Northridge. 8:00 PM (885-2780)

KPFK, 90.7 FM, Lesbian Sisters or I.M.R.U Gay Radio. 8:30 PM

Every Monday

Battered Women's Legal Counseling Clinic, Womonspace, 237 Hill St., Santa Monica. Legal information concerning criminal, family and related law. 3-6 PM (392-8383)

Volleyball, sponsored by Womonspace at Culver West Park, 4162 Wade Ave, Culver City. 7-10 PM

Alternative to A.A., Womonspace, 237 Hill St., Santa Monica. Not for those who need detoxification or therapy. A creative dialogue/feminist support on the part alcohol plays in our lives. Open to all women, facilitated by Betty Shoemaker. 7:30 PM (484-9988)

Drop-In Writer's Workshop, Womonspace, 237 Hill St., Santa Monica. Listen, read work, participate in supportive criticism. 7:30 PM, \$2 donation (396-0054)

Bible Class, MCC Long Beach, 785 Junipero Ave., Long Beach. 7:30 PM (434-1944)

Every Tuesday

Battered Women's Legal Counseling Clinic, Womonspace, 237 Hill St., Santa Monica. Legal information concerning criminal, family and related law. 6-9 PM (392-8383)

Every Wednesday

Assertiveness Training Program, CSU Long Beach, Room LA3-105. Sponsored by University Women's Center. 12:00 Noon (498-5466)

Women's Support Group, Womonspace, 237 Hill St., Santa Monica. A workspace for learning about ourselves and others. All women who want to experience and to contribute to such an atmosphere are welcome. Facilitated by Lynn Boylan. 7:30 PM, \$1 donation (396-0054)

MCC Long Beach Evening Services, 785 Junipero Ave., Long Beach. 7:30 PM (434-1944)

Rap Group "How to Improve your Gay and Lesbian Image in 1980," Beth Chayim Chadashim, 6000 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles. 7:30 PM promptly (559-0320)

Every Thursday

Bible Class, MCC Long Beach, 785 Junipero Ave., Long Beach. 7:30 PM (434-1944)

Volleyball, sponsored by Womonspace at Culver West Park, 4162 Wade Ave, Culver City. 7-10 PM

Radical Feminist Open Drop-In Group, Womonspace, 237 Hill St., Santa Monica. A safe, supportive environment where women can grow and share skills. The goal of Radical Feminists is personal and political change. 7:00 PM, \$2 unemployed, \$5 employed donation.

Every Friday

Beth Chayim Chadashim Evening Services, 6000 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles. 8:30 PM (931-5308)

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Friday, February 1

Opening night of DANTE, a multi-media version of Dante's *Divine Comedy*, Patriotic Hall, South Figueroa St. near intersection of Santa Monica and Harbor freeways, Los Angeles. Benefit performance for Catholics for Human Dignity. \$10 opening night only. Tickets and information from Suite 109, 7985 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles 90046. Curtain time, 8:00 PM

Free to Be: Same and Opposite Sex Relationships, Center for Feminist Therapy, 12581 Venice Blvd., Suite 206, Los Angeles. 7:30 PM, \$3 (391-6321)

Lesbian Rights Task Force, N.O.W. Business Meeting, 6363 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 310, Los Angeles. Open to all interested women. 7:30 PM (837-6874)

Jewish Feminist Drop-In Group, Womonspace, 237 Hill St., Santa Monica. 7:30 PM, All Jewish women welcome.

Saturday, February 2

Conference on Human Sexuality, UCLA Extension. 8:30 AM registration, \$100.00 fee. Mail requests for information to Continuing Education in Health Sciences, UCLA Extension, PO Box 24901, Los Angeles 90024 (825-8421)

Open Staff Meeting, Womonspace, 237 Hill St., Santa Monica. Open to all women who wish to participate and involve themselves in Womonspace. 11:00 AM (396-0054)

Film "The Murder of Fred Hampton" and panel discussion to initiate Los Angeles' campaign for a civilian police review board, Channing Hall, Unitarian Church, 2936 W. 8th St., Los Angeles (1 block east of Vermont). 7:00 PM, \$2 donation (Robin, 569-5130)

Films: "Senior Power and How to Use It" and "Ageing," Center for Feminist Therapy, 12581 Venice Blvd., Suite 206, Los Angeles. 7:30 PM, \$3 (391-6321)

DANTE (see Feb. 1 information). 8:00 PM, \$6

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Sunday, February 3

Poetry Reading, "What's Inside of You, It Shines Out," Womonspace, 237 Hill St., Santa Monica. Two actresses, Sarah Jane Robinson and Judith Jordan will perform the poetry of Emily Dickinson, Sylvia Plath, Judy Grahn and others. 3:00 PM (396-0054)

DANTE (see Feb. 1 information). 8:00 PM, \$6

Tuesday, February 5

"Our Own Homophobia," Rap Group for men and women, Whitman-Brooks Foundation, call for location. (657-8282, women ask for Dottie; men ask for Todd)

Wednesday, February 6

"Our Own Homophobia," Rap Group for women only, Whitman-Brooks Foundation, call for location. (657-8282, Dottie)

Thursday, February 7

Neo-Reichian Demonstration, Womonspace, 237 Hill St., Santa Monica. Participate in an introductory evening of radix neo-reichian with Laura Kay, certified radix teacher. 7:30 PM, \$2 donation (396-0054)

Friday, February 8

Women in the Professions, Center for Feminist Therapy, 12581 Venice Blvd, Suite 206, Los Angeles. 7:30 PM, \$3 (391-6321)

DANTE (see Feb. 1 for information). 8:00 PM, \$6

Saturday, February 9

Gay and Lesbian Resource Day, Cal. State Univ., Fullerton. 9:00 AM registration, \$10, \$8 students (714-997-9600, Bob Thrasher)

Racism in the Women's Movement, Center for Feminist Therapy, 12581 Venice Blvd., Suite 206, Los Angeles. 9:30 AM, \$5 (391-6321)

Pot Luck Dinner, Califia Community, The Church in Ocean Park, 235 Hill St., Santa Monica. Bring food to share. 5:00 PM (933-1496, Alice or 292-6606, Barbara)

Califia Community Reunion, Califia Women's Community, The Church in Ocean Park, 235 Hill St., Santa Monica. 6:30 PM, no charge (Alice, 933-1496 or Barbara, 292-6606)

Disco Dance, The Church in Ocean Park, 235 Hill St., Santa Monica. Open to all women; sponsored by Califia Women's Community. Featuring live D.J. Barbara Lum of Joy Sound. 8:00 PM, \$2.50, no one turned away for lack of funds.

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Dinner-Dance, "A Love Affair for Sweethearts," The Velvet Fox, 3828 W. Slauson Ave., Los Angeles. Sponsored by L.O.V.E.; Music by Cora Holland and D. J. Johnson. All women welcome; dressy attire. 5:00 PM (dinner at 6:30 PM), \$5 in advance or \$6 at door; \$3.50 for L.O.V.E. members. Tickets from 359 E. Hillsdale, Inglewood, 90302. (677-LOVE)

Tuesday, February 12

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

Being Gay in a Predominantly Non-Gay World, Mixed Rap, Whitman-Brooks Foundation, call for location and time. (657-8282, women ask for Dottie, men ask for Todd)

Wednesday, February 13

Being Gay in a Predominantly Non-Gay World, Women's Rap, Whitman-Brooks Foundation, call for location and time (657-8282, Dottie)

Thursday, February 14

VALENTINE'S DAY

Friday, February 15

Potluck Dinner and Open Stage, Womonspace, 237 Hill St., Santa Monica. Call for time, \$1 (396-0054)

Lesbian Rights Task Force Program Meeting, topic to be announced, N.O.W. Center, 6363 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 310, Los Angeles. 7:30 PM, All women welcome (477-0324)

Women and Dependency, Center for Feminist Therapy, 12581 Venice Blvd., Suite 206, Los Angeles. 7:30 PM, \$3 (391-6321)

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Saturday, February 16

Open Staff Meeting, Womonspace, 237 Hill St., Santa Monica. Open to all women who wish to participate and involve themselves in Womonspace. 11:00 AM (396-0054)

A Valentine's Day Sockhop, "A Vision in Pink," Temple Beth Chayim Chadashim, 6000 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles. Dancing, no-host bar. 8:00 PM, \$3 (559-0320)

Sunday, February 17

Massage Workshop, Center for Feminist Therapy, 12581 Venice Blvd., Suite 206, Los Angeles. Bring juices to share. 10:00 AM-4:00 PM, \$25 (391-6321)

Poetry Reading, Womonspace, 237 Hill St., Santa Monica. A benefit for Sinister Wisdom Magazine with the editor, Katherine Nicholson and Harriot Desmoines, Alice Block, Terry Wolverton and others. 7:30 PM (396-0054)

Monday, February 18

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

Friday, February 22

Menopause, Center for Feminist Therapy, 12581 Venice Blvd., Suite 206, Los Angeles. 7:30 PM, \$3 (391-6321)

Saturday, February 23

Autograph Party with Eileen Connolly, author of *Tarot-Handbook for the Apprentice*, The Magic Speller Bookstore, 506 31st St., Newport Beach. Come and learn first hand about tarot. 12:00 noon - 3:00 PM (714-673-8400)

Sunday, February 24

Polarity Workshop, Womonspace, 237 Hill St., Santa Monica. Learn basic polarity energy balancing. 10:00 AM-5:00 PM, (322-6244)

Lesbian News Potluck Lunch and General Meeting and Distribution. call for location. Open to all interested women. 12:00 noon (837-6874)

Tuesday, February 26

"What Every Gay and Lesbian Couple Must Know to Protect Their Assets and Rights," Temple Beth Chayim Chadashim, 6000 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles. Of interest to singles also. 8:00 PM (559-0320)

Friday, February 29

Men and Women Coming Together, Center for Feminist Therapy, 12581 Venice Blvd, Suite 206, Los Angeles. 7:30 PM, \$3 (391-6321)

Saturday, March 1

Relationships, Center for Feminist Therapy, 12581 Venice Blvd., Suite 206, Los Angeles. Bring food to share. 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, \$15 (391-6321)

Meg Christian and Diane Lindsay in concert, Frost Auditorium, 4401 Elenda, Culver City. Sponsored by and in support of the Alcoholism Center for Women. Tickets from Page One Books, Sojourner Bookstore, Sisterhood Bookstore, The Feminist Wicca, Womanbooks or write ACW, 1147 S. Alvarado St., Los Angeles 90006. 8:00 PM, \$6 (381-7805)

Saturday, March 8

"An Intimate Dinner for 150: Celebrating Eleanor Roosevelt and all Great Lesbians Around the World," Jett's Cafe, 964 W. Manchester Blvd., Los Angeles. Fundraiser for the Great American Lesbian Art Show (GALAS). 8:00 PM, \$25, \$15, \$10, \$5 depending upon your ability to pay (no difference in menu or seating location). Reservations a must. (Terry Wolverton, 467-4893)



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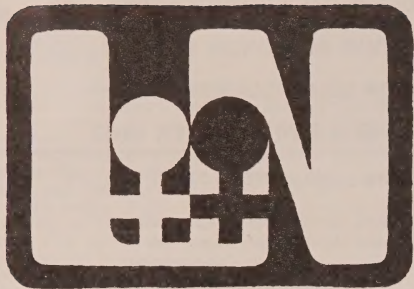
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GAYS TO MARCH ON SACRAMENTO

In the spirit of the March on Washington, the California Human Rights Advocates have called for a statewide Lesbian/Gay rights march on Sacramento, Sunday, January 13, 1980. Monday, January 14th will be a lobbying day for state officials. At noon, there will be a rally on the steps of the capitol.

On December 8th, in Sacramento, there will be a statewide organizing meeting to form committees to organize the march and to decide on the issues.

The N.O.W. Lesbian Rights Task Force will hold a forum on input to the organizing committee on Friday, November 30, at 7:30 pm at the N.O.W. Center, 6363 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 310, Los Angeles.

—Press Release

THE INCEST AWARENESS PROJECT

Incest, the crime nobody talks about -- until now. In what is to be a year long project, Ariadne (A Social Art Network) and the Women's Information and Skills Project of the Gay Community Services Center, are combining their talents to make incest a public issue. The goals of the project are to "Create positive images of women moving out of victimization and having power over their lives; and effect social change by taking steps towards incest prevention and recovery."

The project has stated that the women affected by incest are not victims but survivors. Ninety percent of all sexual child abuse is committed by heterosexual men against young women. One out of four women is sexually abused before the age of 18.

Articles about the projects opening -- with an exhibit at the Womens Building that closed November 15th, appeared in both the Los Angeles Times and the Los Angeles Herald Examiner. The exhibit was titled *Bedtime Stories: Women Speak-out About Incest*. According to spokeswomen for the building, a record number of people attended this exhibit.

For those of you who are incest survivors and want further information or referral to further services, please call 464-7400 and ask for the Incest Awareness Project.

RIDDELL NAMED TO WOMEN'S COMMISSION

Hollywood resident Myra Riddell was appointed in August to a three-year term on the Los Angeles County Commission on the Status of Women.

Riddell chairs the Southern California Women for Understanding, co-chairs the New Alliance for Gay Equality, and is a member of the National Organization for Women (NOW) and of the National Association of Social Workers. She holds two degrees from UCLA, one a bachelor's degree in psychology, the other a master's degree in social work. She is presently self-employed.

The 15-member commission is charged with assessing the needs of women in the county, and then advising the Board of Supervisors on how best to meet those needs.

—Gay Rights Guardian

WAWAW CLAIMS VICTORY

Women's activists claimed a victorious end to a 2½ year battle recently when Warner Communication Inc. issued a statement opposing the depiction of violence (against either women or men) on album covers and in related promotional material.

Women Against Violence Against Women, initially a Los Angeles organization which has expanded nationally to more than 25 groups, in conjunction with California N.O.W. of the National Organization for Women, has called for an end to the boycott of WCI's record subsidiaries (Warner Bros., Atlantic and Elektra/Asylum Records).

WAWAW has protested that commercial material showing women as victims may contribute to the high incidence of actual violence against women. It is hoped that other record companies will now follow suit and voluntarily restrict depiction of violence on record covers and promotional material.

—Press Release and
Herald-Examiner

OPENING AT WOMAN'S BUILDING

This month at the Woman's Building, 1727 N. Spring St., downtown Los Angeles, an exhibit of fine art entitled *Mind Over Matter* will feature artists using such diverse media as: flat glass art, fabric art, soft sculpture, ceramic sculpture, cloisonne, enamel and feather pieces, environmental wall hangings, quilted and woven wall pieces and more. Over twenty-five women will be represented in the exhibit which opens on December 1 and continues thru December 25. The opening reception will be on December 8 at 6-9 pm. The public is invited, and the reception is free.

Concurrent with the opening reception will be a *Holiday Craft Fair* on the third floor of the Woman's Building. The fair will feature hand crafted items for Christmas sale. Fair hours are December 8, 12-9 pm, and December 9, 12-5 pm.

For more information, or directions to the Women's Building, call 221-6161.

GAY TREES BACK FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Where is the latest place you can hold hands while you do your holiday shopping? Well of course, it's the Gay Lot -- back for a second great season.

The only Gay sponsored Christmas Tree lot in Southern California will open its branches on Saturday, December 1st at 825 N. San Vicente in Los Angeles (that's 1 block north of Santa Monica Blvd. and west of La Cienega, actually in West Hollywood).

They will have all kinds of beautiful trees in sizes 2-12 feet tall. Drop by and visit or call 839-7254 for further information.

WOMEN'S GRAPHIC CENTER GETS AWARD

The Women's Graphic Center, which is a part of the Woman's Building, has been awarded a grant of \$56,825 a year for two years from the Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education, a division of HEW.

The Women's Graphic Center expands women's ability to communicate their experience through art publicly. Women learn graphic design as well as practical printing production skills. The project funded will enable women with no skills, as well as artists, writers and professional designers, to produce their own work in multiple, bringing women's culture to a broad community audience.

Facilities include a letter-press, offset presses, silkscreen equipment and complete continuous tone and graphic arts photography darkrooms. Classes are offered continuously. For additional information, please call 221-6161.

—Press Release

AN INVITATION TO LESBIAN ARTISTS

The women of GALAS are proud to invite you to participate in the Great American Lesbian Art Show, a national series of exhibits and events honoring lesbian creativity, beginning May 1, 1980! Co-sponsored by the Woman's Building and the Los Angeles Gay Community Services Center, the goals of GALAS are: to celebrate lesbian art by making it public, visible, and accessible; to build a national network of lesbian artists and a permanent slide collection of lesbian art; to increase awareness of the power of lesbian vision and sensibility.

The Woman's Building will exhibit an invitational show curated by GALAS, which will honor eight artists whose work is visibly lesbian. Another part of this exhibit will be a continuous slide presentation containing documentation of all the work exhibited nationally by GALAS participants. Work in all media and multi-media (including writing, theater, music, as well as visual arts) is encouraged; lesbian culture is immensely rich and diverse.

You may participate in the following ways:

—Give yourself a show! Give your friends a show! —if you want to show your work or the work of women you know, contact GALAS before January 15, 1980. Meet Lesbian Artists! If you would like to be a GALAS area coordinator for your city region, please contact us by January 1, 1980. Contribute! We are relying on individual donations to cover the costs of this project. If you have dollars to spare, please send them to GALAS. If you have the means to make a large (tax-deductible) donation, please contact Barbara Stopha at the project address. Document! If you exhibit your work as part of GALAS, don't forget to send 3 slides to us by April 15, 1980. These will be presented at the Woman's Building exhibit, and will be collected in a permanent archive of lesbian art.

When they hear from you, they'll send you a brochure with information on how to develop your GALAS participation. Write to: GALAS, c/o GCSC, P. O. Box 38777, Hollywood, CA. 90038. The GALAS collective includes: Tyaga, Lyricon Fire Jazzwomin, Barbara Stopha, Louise Moore, Bia Lowe, Kathleen Berg, Elizabeth Canelake, Dara Robinson, Linda Kahn, and Terry Wolverton.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE WOMEN'S COMMUNITY

Dear Sisters:

It has come to my attention that quite a few people are under the false impression that the Ladies Organization for Variety Entertainment (L.O.V.E., Inc.) is a black women's organization. This is totally untrue! L.O.V.E., Inc. is a non profit social corporation that was created to cater to the social needs of all of the women in the Gay community. We sincerely invite women of all races, ages, and lifestyles to socialize with us.

The policy of this organization since its creation has been to actively solicit the participation of all women in our social activities. Our list for mailing notification of L.O.V.E. affairs to the community is now past the 1,000 mark and that list is made up of women of all races. 1979 was our first year in existence and we are still growing. We send out, to all women in the community, our best wishes for a happy holiday and the hope that you will soon come to one of our L.O.V.E. affairs. Your presence is both desired and welcome.

Thank you,

Marie Love, President

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The Blue Book is pocket/purse size and available through feminist bookstores and shops or directly from Payne Publications, Inc. at 1651 Cosmo St., Suite 329, Los Angeles 90028 for the purchase price plus \$1 for postage and handling (total \$2.95 through mail).

--Jinx Beers



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Every Sunday

Holy Trinity Community Church Morning Services, 3301 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood. 10:30 AM (662-8841)

Lesbians of Color, Alcoholism Center for Women, 1147 S. Alvarado, Los Angeles. 5:00 PM (381-7805)

M.C.C. West Bay Church Services, 1260 18th St., Santa Monica. 6:30 PM (450-6670)

Lesbian Raps, CSU Northridge Women's Center, 9428 Etiwanda, Northridge. 8:00 PM (885-2780)

KPFK, 90.7 FM, Lesbian Sisters or I.M.R.U. 8:30 PM

Every Monday

Battered Women's Legal Counseling Clinic, Womospace, 237 Hill St., Santa Monica. Legal information concerning criminal, family and related law. 3-6 PM (392-8383)

Volleyball, sponsored by Womospace, Culver West Park, 4162 Wade Ave, Culver City. 7-10 PM

Alternative to A.A., Womospace, 237 Hill St., Santa Monica. Not for those who need detoxification or therapy. A creative dialogue/feminist support on the part alcohol plays in our lives. Open to all women, facilitated by Betty Shoemaker. 7:30 PM (484-9988)



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Therefore, One is seeking assistance from one or more women in the community to work with their people on this project, and specifically to assist with enlarging/improving the selection of Lesbian titles included.

Anyone interested in this major project for the Gay community please contact Dorr Legg at 735-5252.

—Letter

LESBIAN POETRY SOLICITED

Women who dream of having their Lesbian poetry published will now have that chance under a project coordinated by the Gay Community Services of Long Beach, CA. Submissions for an anthology are now being solicited. Each poet may submit any number of entries. The best fifty will be printed in bookform.

For more information on requirements contact: Anthology Editor, Gay Community Services, 117 East Eighth Street, Suite 810, Long Beach, Ca. 90813. Deadline for submissions will be February 29, 1980.

—Letter

NEW GAY MAGAZINE

Ten Percent, the first university-funded gay newsmagazine in the U.S., is now out with a premiere issue featuring interviews with Christopher Isherwood and Rita Mae Brown and articles on gay art history, gay non-fiction in the '70s, and gay men in fraternities. The UCLA-sponsored publication is quarterly, but aims for a more frequent schedule. For copies and information, including subscription and advertising rates, write *Ten Percent*, 112 Kerkhoff Hall, 308 Westwood Plaza, Los Angeles, Ca. 90024; (213)825-2787.

—The Advocate

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Although the staff regrets the decision, the increase in printing costs, etc. necessitates a small increase in L. N. display ad rates effective January 1, 1980. Along with that, however, L. N. will again increase its circulation.

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An ambitious program has been launched in the Hollywood area to bring various gay-oriented musical and theatrical groups together under the newly announced umbrella organization, Lambda Council of the Arts.

Participants in the group include the Los Angeles based Great American Yankee Freedom band, the Benjamin Britten Orchestra, as well as the men's chorus. For further information, call 663-3234 or 463-0542.

—The Advocate

NEW SUPPORT GROUP FORMS

A support group is forming for Lesbians who are dealing with the issue of aging and dying parents. The group will be a place where women can support each other, share resources, learn effective coping techniques, and explore their feelings during the process.

The group will begin in January. If interested, please contact Pat Wellner at 276-8779 or leave a message with Sally at GCSC counseling dept. - 464-7400 ext. 257. Please call as soon as possible.

—Press Release

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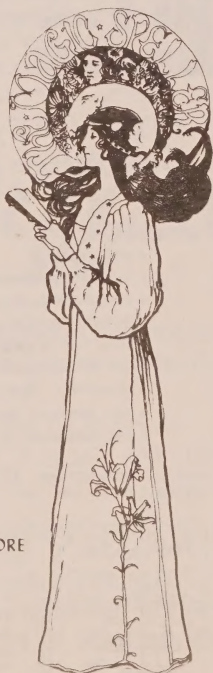
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The Garden Grove Gay Community Center will be open continuously for twenty-four hours beginning Christmas Eve at 6:30 PM, and also on New Year's Eve beginning at 6:30 PM. There will be a Christmas tree, coffee, punch, food and conversation.

By the way, the GCC has a thriving women's program. In addition to the women's rap on Monday evenings, and the young women's (under 21) rap on Tuesday evenings, a dozen women are just finishing the hotline training program. Now all the Center needs is a woman to assume the leadership position of coordinating all these activities. For further information, call (714) 534-3280, 6:30 to 10:30 PM.

If you are going to participate in the March on Sacramento, Lynrose, travel agent, can help you make plans. Call (714) 633-6533.

A coalition of Lesbian and Gay students on different college and university campuses has just been formed with a party planned for early December. Call (714) 773-3211.

You asked for it: The L.A. Women's Yellow pages will include an O.C. section in its 1980 edition. This bigger and better than ever publication is a directory of women owned, run and made businesses, services and products. The deadline for submitting ads is January 15th. Send inquiries to: Women's Yellow Pages, PO Box 149, Pasadena, CA 91102.

The Self Center now has a Gay Services Division. They provide professional, educational, counseling and social services to the Lesbian and Gay community. Their calendar is extensive. Call (714) 997-9600.

You asked for it: The Magic Speller now carries Lesbian Feminist records!

Cal. State Univ. Long Beach luckily is having some of their speakers and workshops evenings and weekends. Call 498-5466.

—C.U.

N.O.C.—N.O.W. MEETS

The North Orange County chapter of the National Organization for Women will meet in December on the 19th, which is a Wednesday. This will be a year end party with taped and live feminist music.

It all begins at 7:30 at 1340 S. Euclid, Anaheim (Anaheim Library). Everyone is welcome. For further information about N.O.C.—N.O.W., call (714) 638-4449 evenings.

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S.D. WOMEN ASK FINANCIAL HELP

Sue Kirk and Laurie MacKenzie of the Feminist Counseling Component of San Diego's Center for Women's Studies and Services are seeking contributions to assist them in attending the American Orthopsychiatric Association meeting next spring in Toronto. Neither they nor CWSS have the money it takes to get them there, although they feel it's important for them to attend.

Contributions in any denomination are welcome and may be sent to CWSS, 908 F Street, San Diego, CA 92101, attention Sue Kirk. Contributions are tax-deductible and should be made payable to CWSS and marked "for conference." If further information is required, contact CWSS by mail or by telephone at (714) 233-8984.

—Gay Community News

SANTA CLARA MOBILIZES

In the face of the referendum scheduled for next June which will seek to repeal a newly-enacted human rights ordinance which protect Lesbians and Gay men from discrimination, a group originally formed to combat the Briggs Initiative has been reactivated.

The Santa Clara Valley Coalition for Human Rights has re-formed with a nine-member executive committee, and it has issued a nationwide appeal for funds to be used in fighting the repeal of the new laws. Contributions may be sent to the Coalition at PO Box 2066, San Jose, CA 95109.

The National Organization for Women, and the Lesbian Rights Task Force of that organization, has declared that they will be joining the fight against the repeal of the ordinance. It is expected that demands made to Sacramento in January at the March on the State Capitol will include coverage of the Santa Clara situation.

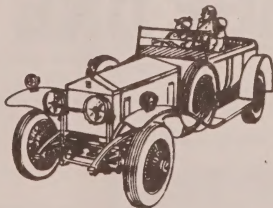
—Gay Community News & others

PHYSICIANS QUALIFY FOR UNITED WAY

The Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights has qualified for the United Way donor-option plan, which means the organization can be specifically designated to receive an individual's contribution. For more information write or call BAPHR, Box 14546, San Francisco, CA 94114, (415) 673-3189.

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Seven Lesbians and nine Gay men have been placed on an official eligibility list of 190 persons who may become San Francisco police officers.

All of the recruits must pass background investigations and medical examinations before being permitted to enter the police academy. The 16 persons awaiting hiring decisions represent only those who applied for positions with the police force through the Gay Outreach Program. There may be additional Lesbians and Gay men who applied independently.

Nearly 400 women and men contacted the Gay Outreach Program seeking information about joining the police department.

—Gay Community News

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ELEANOR WAS WHAT???

A collection of more than 3,000 letters between Eleanor Roosevelt and reporter Lorena Hickok reveals they shared what by any standards would be called a love relationship. The correspondence, reported on in a New York Times story, was made available last year under the terms of Hickok's will. It chronicles an intimate 30-year friendship which clearly yielded comfort, support and joy to both women.

They met during the early days of Franklin's ascendancy to the presidency, when Hickok reported on Mrs. Roosevelt for the Associated Press. "Hick darling," Mrs. Roosevelt wrote a few days after moving into the White House. "Ah, how good it was to hear your voice. . . . Funny was that I couldn't say je t'aime et je t'adore as I longed to do, but always remember I am saying it, that I go to sleep thinking of you."

The day after: "Hick darling. . . Oh, I want to put my arms around you. I ache to hold you close. Your ring is a great comfort. I look at it and think she does love me, or I wouldn't be wearing it." Another letter has Mrs. Roosevelt referring to a married couple of their acquaintance who had been involved in extramarital scandals and saying, "One cannot hide things in this world, can one? How lucky you are not a man!"

Some are suggesting Hickok's and Roosevelt's words to each other were simply "the way of speech between women." To others, the letters seem like the revealing of a long-term Lesbian relationship. Scholars will probably argue over that for decades, but will never be able to deny it was a love relationship.

—The Advocate and others

The National Lesbian Workforce Exchange Project is a working/volunteer collective attempting to create a nationwide network will connect and build a Lesbian workforce. A questionnaire is being distributed throughout the country in an attempt to gather information concerning Lesbian tradeswomen, crafts-women, artists, apprenticeship programs, businesses, land shares, collectives and cooperatives. For questionnaires, more information, volunteer assignments, and donations, please contact Workforce, PO Box 447, Amherst, MA 01002 . . .

A federal judge has ordered Michigan State University to provide the same meals and room allotments for members of its women's basketball team as it does for its men's. The University acknowledged that there is a "slight imbalance": \$13,500 for the women's team and \$120,000 for the men . . .

Uniroyal, the nation's third largest tire manufacturer, agreed October 23rd to pay \$5.2 million to more than 750 women in a sex discrimination case that had kept the firm from getting government contracts. The settlement, which makes Uniroyal eligible for federal money again, will affect current and former women employees at Uniroyal's Mishawaka, Indiana plant . . .

"Writesisters" is a non-profit organization based on the "pen-pal" concept. It is their hope to open up an alternate communication network for Lesbians. If you want to write to Lesbians in other parts of the U.S. and Canada, send general information about yourself (likes, dislikes, hobbies, etc) and the state or province you'd like to write to. Include \$1 for postage and handling to: Writesisters, PO Box 8824, Minneapolis, MN 55408 . . .

The Anita Bryant Ministries had less than a dozen people register in mid July for a highly publicized, well-funded seminar for counseling homosexuals. The Bryant Ministries mailed out over 500 announcement letters to Tulsa clergymen, yet not a single one responded . . .

Jeanette Foster, Barbara Grier, Monique Wittig & Sande Zeig, Pat Parker, Audre Lorde, Judy Grahn, Renee Vivien, Adrienne Rich, May Sarton, Marie-Claire Blais, Willa Cather, Jane Bowles, Djuna Barnes, Sally Gearhart, Elizabeth Bowen, Fran Lebowitz, Jane Rule, gingerlox, Marguerite Young, Elizabeth Lynn, Janet Flanner, Mary Renault, Valerie Taylor, Gertrude Stein, Natalie Barney, Karla Jay, George Sand, Ann Shockley, Kate Stimson, are just some of the women whose work can be found at

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Americans for Democratic Action, one of the nation's largest liberal lobbying groups, has urged the U.S. Senate to support a bill to ban job discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Such legislation will soon be introduced by Sen. Paul Tsongas, a Massachusetts Democrat . . .

Gay authors and researchers are seeking materials for a forthcoming book dealing with ethnicity and Gayness. Being sought are essays and interviews pertaining to how Gays relate to their particular ethnic culture; both women's and men's experiences are to be included. Any person interested in submitting an essay is requested to write for guidelines; persons willing to be interviewed for the book are asked to send name, address and phone number to J. R. DeMarco, PO Box 15784, Philadelphia, PA 19103 . . .

The Mariposa Education and Research Foundation has been formed to conduct research on human sexuality, particularly on homosexuality, and to produce accurate, factual, educational materials for the general public. They have opened offices at 186 Spring St., New York, NY 10012 and 3821 Fourth Ave, San Diego, CA 92103 . . .

The Tennessee Court of Appeals has issued a ruling stating that homosexual parents should not be granted custody of their children. The ruling, issued in a Roane County divorce case by Judge James Parrott, has been hailed as a landmark decision, and one legal expert involved in the case said it was apparently the first of its kind in the nation . . .

The Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund, Inc. is looking for an attorney with at least two years litigation experience, preferably in the area of sexual or civil rights. This part-time, staff attorney position will be on a retainer basis in the \$10,000 range. For more information, contact Ed Glorius at (212) 532-8197 or send a resume and writing sample to the Lambda office at 22 E. 40th Street, New York, NY 10016 . . .

The United Methodist Church Judicial Council has refused to consider a challenge to church boards' refusing to meet in states which have not ratified the Equal Rights Amendment . . .

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS SHORTS

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Gay Jews from around the world received a cool reception in Israel during the first International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews held in August. Under pressure from Orthodox rabbis, hotels and collective farms turned away the Gays. The one hundred delegates from thirteen countries finally secured a conference site and accommodations at an undisclosed location. Many of the delegates who participated in the three-day conference and one-week tour were Americans . . .

A new magazine specifically for a Lesbian audience has made its debut in Mexico City. Articles cover matters of interest in Latin American countries, and the magazine, *Circulo Once*, lists correspondents in Holland, Spain, Los Angeles and Chihuahua and Hidalgo, Mexico. It is available by subscription only. For information write them Apdo. Postal M-2928, Mexico 1, DF . . .

Petra is a German Lesbian who would like to get in touch with other Lesbians. She is 26 years old, a biol.-tech. assistant, no religion with interests in photography, literature and travelling. You may write her at: Petra Busse, Schlosstrasse 91, 6 Frankfurt 90, West Germany . . .

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MOTHERLINES

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(New York: Berkeley Publishing Corporation, 1979, 246 pp each, \$1.95 each, paperback)

These two books by Suzy McKee Charnas begin a story of life after the "wasting" (the destruction of civilization which is predicted by some). Charnas' writing falls into the genre of "fantasy," and to understand her style, I need to clarify (for myself anyway), the different divisions of that genre.

One division of fantasy is science fiction, which has been described as "that branch of fantasy which engages in imaginative speculation about the impact of technology on human society." (Robert Silverberg, *Drug Themes in Science Fiction*, Rockville, MD: National Institute on Drug Abuse, 1974). This connotes advanced transportation and weaponry, space adventures, aliens, etc., which are technical, futuristic possibilities. Charnas does *not* write science fiction.

Another type of fantasy writing, a la Tolkien and others, gives us imaginative beings and/or situations that are, for all practical considerations, impossible (or at least improbable). Horses, as we know them, simply do not fly, and trees, as we know them, do not talk and walk. In fantasy, however, both may and do occur. Charnas does not write this type of fantasy either, with one notable exception.

What Charnas does write is what has been termed "speculative fiction" (rather than fantasy per se), where the people, events, situations, etc. may not be true at the moment (or ever), but very well *could* be. Speculative fiction could be placed in any time reference — past, present or future.

The first book, *Walk to the End of the World*, is essentially a history/prologue for *Motherlines*. *Walk...* is not a book for queasy-stomached feminists who are not willing to imagine a society where all women have been totally subserviated and enslaved. It was easy for me to become angry reading this book. Then I reflected that it all could happen, if we women allowed it to. As in most repressed societies, however, occasionally there is a flicker of strength and protest. *Walk...* eventually introduces us to Alldera, an enslaved "fem" who escapes the "Holdfast" at the end of this book to seek out the "free fems" who had previously escaped before her.

Motherlines continues Alldera's story and she is found wandering, pregnant and nearly starving, not by the free fems she had sought, but by a society of women who had survived the wasting totally self-sufficient and reproducing, without a single human male. The handling of these women's reproduction is the "one notable exception" where Charnas slips into fantasy. To this reviewer, it seemed unnecessary, knowing what we do about the possibilities of future reproduction. To many readers, the handling of this aspect of an all-woman society may even be objectionable. *Motherlines* tells of Alldera's entry into and adventures within, this all-woman society.

Charnas writes in a very simple form and uses virtually no excess words. She may not be erudite, but she does weave a story that will keep you reading until the end. It is quite obvious that she expects us to read these two books in the order presented here. Although *Motherlines* could be read without the knowledge of *Walk...*, the reader would not have the same mental/emotional set. As Alldera's adventures are not fully complete, I assume there will be a third book (at least!) of the women-loving women. Not having the third at hand, however, will not deprive you of enjoying *Motherlines*.

—Jinx Beers

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Los Angeles Chapter Lesbian Rights Taskforce

The December business meeting will be held on December 7th at 8:00 PM at the N.O.W. Center. This will be a very important meeting as Task Force Bylaws will be considered and voted upon. All women are welcome to input their ideas; only N.O.W. members may vote.

The December Program Meeting will feature the topic: Lesbians and Growing Older. All women are welcome to attend and participate; N.O.W. membership is NOT required.

Business Meeting 1st Fri. 8pm; Program Meeting 3rd Fri. 8pm
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CONTINUING BOYCOTTS

The following is a list of continuing boycotts for women/Gays with a note as to the reason behind the boycott. L.N. is running a series on these boycotts. See Vol. 5, No. 2 for a discussion on the Coors boycott and why it is continuing and Vol. 5, No. 4 for detailed information about the Nestle boycott. Next month our series will continue with a look at the J.P. Stevens Company.

FLORIDA ORANGE JUICE AND OTHER CITRUS PRODUCTS: The Florida Citrus Commission pays Anita Bryant \$100,000 a year to advertise their products.

COORS BEER: Coors practises discriminatory labor policies against women, Gays and minorities; uses lie detector for hiring, asking personal/sexual questions; owners donate substantially to anti-ERA forces.

NESTLE CORPORATION PRODUCTS: Company immorally distributes and advertises infant formula in poor, third-world countries resulting in infant malnutrition and death.

J. P. STEVENS COMPANY PRODUCTS: Company discriminates against women and minorities in labor practises; has unhealthy work conditions.

UNRATIFIED ERA STATES: National Organization for Women call for convention boycott of such states has been recognized by many major organizations.

CARL'S JR. (FAST FOOD) CHAIN: Owner Carl Karcher donated substantially to Sen. John Briggs and pro-Prop. 6 campaign in California in 1978.

COMMUNITAS AWARDS SENSOR

SENSOR, Women's Media Resource Center, has been awarded a production contract by Communitas, the Santa Monica based neighborhood crime prevention program, Sue Villegas, director of Sensor announced.

Included in the video tape package are two 30-second Public Service Announcements, two half-hour informational tapes and one 15-minute self defense tape.

The 15-minute tape entitled *Fear Into Anger* features techniques taught at one of many self defense classes for women and senior citizens sponsored by Communitas' *Making it Safe* project.

Sensor, a non-profit educational organization, offers work experience in television production and is available for film and video production. For further information write: Sensor, P. O. Box 5595, Santa Monica, Ca. 90405.

—Free Venice Beachhead

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On February 1, 2, 3, 8, & 9, 1980, Catholics for Human Dignity will present James Fleck's *Dante*, a multi-media spectacular modernized readers theater version of Dante's *Divine Comedy*. The play will be in the theater of Patriotic Hall, the County of Los Angeles' Veteran's Building on Figueroa near the Santa Monica Freeway in downtown Los Angeles.

CHD welcomes the cooperation of other groups interested in protecting and enhancing human rights. They will provide *Dante* tickets to such groups at 50% off the face value so other groups can use *Dante* as a fund-raising project. They ask only that such cooperating groups make a moral commitment to sell a fixed number of tickets. They do not have to pay CHD until the tickets are sold and there is no penalty if the quota each group selects is not met.

Opening night tickets sell for \$10 and the rest of the run is \$6. The cost to participating organizations are \$5 and \$3 respectively. The tickets must be sold at full face value and cannot be discounted. The purpose of this proposal is not to offer cheap tickets but to give other groups a chance to raise money from the *Dante* project.

—Press Release

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Volleyball at Culver West Park, 4162 Wade Ave., Culver City. Sponsored by Womonspace. 7-10 PM

Women's Group "Searching for Self," Womonspace, 237 Hill St., Santa Monica. A work space for learning about ourselves and others. All women who want to experience and to contribute to such an atmosphere are welcome. Facilitated by Lynn Boylan. 7:30-9 PM, \$1 donation

Every Thursday

Radical Feminist Open Drop-In Rap Group, Womonspace, 237 Hill St., Santa Monica. A safe, supportive environment where women can grow and share skills. The goal of Radical Feminists is personal and political change. 7:00 PM, \$2 unemployed, \$5 employed donation

Every Friday

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Mariona Barkus Exhibition of painted, stuffed, abstract bas-relief and imagist soft sculpture, First Unitarian Church, 2936 W. 8th St., Los Angeles. Sundays, 11-1:30, daily 9-4 by appointment (389-1356)

Friday, November 30

Begins ONE in Long Beach Gay Arts and Crafts Festival (3 days), call for location (432-8GAY)

Lesbian Rights Task Force (N.O.W.) Special Forum on March on Sacramento, 6363 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 310, Los Angeles. This is your chance to input to a representative going to the organizing meeting in December. What do you want the March on Sacramento to mean to you? 7:30 PM (837-6874)

Fat as a Feminist Issue Drop-In, Center for Feminist Therapy, 12581 Venice Blvd., Suite 206, Los Angeles. 7:30-9:30 PM, \$3 (391-6321)

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"Sabrina Sanchez & the Art of Embroidery," "Ruth Stout's Garden," "Antonia: Portrait of a Woman," "We Have No Art" — films, Center for Feminist Therapy, 12581 Venice Blvd., Suite 206, Los Angeles. 7:30 PM, \$3, reservations required (391-6321)

Monday, December 3

Women in Business Dinner and Panel Discussion, Barone's Restaurant Banquet Room, 10123 Riverside Drive, North Hollywood. Presented by the Business and Professional Association. Panel Moderator: Jean O'Leary. 6:30 cocktails (no host), 7:45 dinner, \$15.00, RSVP required (657-8175)

Tuesday, December 4

A Special Workshop for Coping with the Holiday Season, 13500 Brandford St., Room 51, Arleta. For singles and couples; a Rain Training. 6:30 PM, \$20 (767-1862)

Whitman-Brooks Rap Group: Fantasies and Fetishes. Women only group. Call for time and location (Lorraine, 657-8282)

Wednesday, December 5

Take Back the Night Open Coalition Meeting, The Provisional Theatre, 1816½ N. Vermont, Los Angeles. Open to all interested persons; will be planning session for April 19 night march in Los Angeles. 7:30 PM (485-6533 days, 874-7083 evenings, 664-1450 for directions)

Friday, December 7

Jewish Feminist Drop-In Group, Womonspace, 237 Hill St., Santa Monica. 7:30 PM, donation requested. All Jewish women welcome.

Power and Violence Drop-In, presented by the L.A. Men's Collective, Center for Feminist Therapy, 12581 Venice Blvd., Suite 206, Los Angeles. 7:30-9:30 PM, \$3 (391-6321)

Lesbian Rights Task Force, N.O.W. Business Meeting, 6363 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 310, Los Angeles. Important meeting which will consider and vote on Task Force Bylaws. All women welcome, only NOW members may vote. 8:00 PM (837-6874)

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Basic Auto Maintenance, Womonspace, 237 Hill St., Santa Monica. A safe and supportive place for women to share skills and tools, and to learn the basics of auto maintenance. 10:00 AM, \$2 (396-0054)

Lutheran's Concerned Program Meeting, USC Religious Center, 835 W. 34th St., Room 202, Los Angeles. Guest speaker: Virginia Buus of Lutheran Social Services. 7:30 PM (663-7816)

Sunday, December 9

Winter Solstice Celebration and Open House, Page One Bookstore, 42 N. Lake Ave, Pasadena. Refreshments, free! 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (792-9011)

Holiday Craft Fair at the Woman's Building continues, see Sat. above.

Poetry Readings, Womonspace, 237 Hill St., Santa Monica. All women are welcome to listen or to read work. 7:30 PM, \$2 donation (399-9813)

Holy Trinity Community Church Evening Services, 3301 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood. 7:30 PM (662-8841)

Monday, December 10

Alliance for Survival Film Presentation, Dr. Helen Caldicott speaking on "Medical Implications of Nuclear Energy," Westside Women's Clinic, 1705 Ocean Park Blvd., Santa Monica. (Debbie, 450-4922)

Tuesday, December 11

Whitman-Brooks Rap Group: Sexism, mixed group. Call for time and location (Lorraine, 657-8282)

Thursday, December 13

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Spaghetti Dinner and Coffee House, Womonspace, 237 Hill Str. Santa Monica. Benefit for Womonspace. 7:00 PM, \$2.50

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Lesbian Rights Task Force, N.O.W. Program Meeting: Lesbians and Growing Older, 6363 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 310, Los Angeles. Open to all interested women; NOW membership not required. 8:00 PM (837-6874)

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Sunday, December 23

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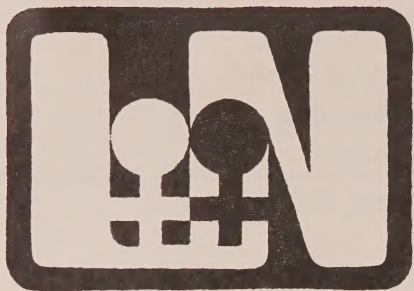
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IMPRESSIONS FROM THE WASHINGTON D.C. MARCH

By Pat Wellner with Diane Gilliland

The March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights was incredible!

Lesbians and Gay men from around the world "came out" to the world on Sunday, October 14, 1979. Contingents were represented from California, New Zealand, Vermont, Alaska, Ohio, Canada, Australia, Texas . . . throughout the world and all 50 states. We were (and are) bonded by our demands for civil rights, for our human rights. We will be "silent no more." As Kate Millett said, "We are the only minority group where you can join overnight. We are women and men; we are all races; all classes; all religions. We are physically challenged as well. It was neat seeing all of our sisters and brothers in wheelchairs. We had someone "signing" the entire rally for our deaf sisters and brothers."

The National March on Washington Committee estimates about 200,000 people attended. District of Columbia police said there were 75,000; the U.S. Park Police put the crowd at 25,000; and local reporters estimated anywhere from 50,000 to 200,000. The Washington Star, which noted that the turnout was greater than that for Pope John Paul, said, "the turnout marked the event as a milestone in the history of the Gay Rights Movement."

The two-mile march began at 4th and Madison at Noon and ended up at the Washington Monument. The rally began between 3:30 and 4:00 PM. Some of the Keynote speakers were: Richard Ashworth, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays; Steve Ault, March on Washington Committee; Charlotte Bunch, Lesbian Feminist Theorist; Juanita Ramos, Comite Homosexual Latinoamericana; Flo Kennedy, activist; Kate Millett; Sky Rose representing Lesbian/Gay youth of San Francisco; Betty Santoro, New York spokeswoman for Lesbian Feminist Liberation; Eleanor Smeal and Arlie Scott, President and Vice President, Action of the National Organization for Women; Adelle Starr, Parents and Friends of Gays, Los Angeles; Lucia Valeska, Co-executive Director of the National Gay Task Force; Sandy Schuster and Madeleine Isaacson, who have just won a child custody battle in the Washington State Supreme Court; Robin Tyler, who M.C.'d the rally.

Additionally, Meg Christian and Holly Near brought us their songs of joy. Meg said, "Today is the happiest and proudest day of my life." We all were proud to be there. As Robin said, "The issue was not sexual politics. We are talking about our 'right' to choose. We are demanding our civil rights. Today is the beginning of a new era for us." Cried Arlie Scott, "We are 20 million strong and we're not going to ask anymore, we're demanding, America, that you deal with us. You know us, America, you see us in your offices, in your schools, in your Congress. We are everywhere. And we are moving from Gay pride to Gay politics."

In this writer's opinion, everyone came to Washington for many reasons. We all share in our demands for civil rights. This is the international beginning of our movement. We have one purpose: we demand our rights and we are going to make sure that we get them. We will hit the patriarchy where it hurts — politically and economically. We are voters and consumers. We are a massive political voting block and we demand to be recognized, heard and dealt with. We will not allow another Dan White to shoot us in cold blood and get off with 5 years in prison. We won't tolerate another Dessie Woods or Joann Little to rot in jail for protecting themselves against oppression. Harvey Milk's vision of solidarity became a reality in Washington. We came out from all over the world for many reasons. Buffy Dunker, 74 year old Lesbian from Cambridge, Mass. who was marching said, "I'm a Lesbian and I'm 74 years old. I've got 9 grand-children and I'm proud to be a Lesbian. I'm here 'cause I've got nothing to lose."

Adelle Starr said, "I'm marching in Washington because my children are marching. I'm going to be marching next to them until they are no longer oppressed."

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BOYCOTTS — OUR SILENT, EFFECTIVE DEMAND

By Sue Dell

Boycott: to combine against so as to ostracize socially, and prevent or hinder the conduct of businesses as a means of punishment or intimidation.

Part II: The Nestle Controversy

In Third World countries, the Nestle Corporation is bottle-feeding 10 million babies yearly a balanced, modern formula resulting in diarrhea, malnutrition, brain damage and infant death.

This Swiss company is the world's largest marketer of infant formula, and since 1921, has distributed over 50% of all manufactured milk substitutes sold to poor, uneducated, illiterate families in underdeveloped countries. Unfortunately few of these families can read the instructions (often not even printed in their language) or afford to budget 60% of family income to use this modern-day convenience properly. After a week of free sample useage, a mother's breast milk will dry up and she will be dependent on the supplement. To make a supply last, she will often dilute it with contaminated water, causing both malnutrition and disease. The result: Nestle's own bottle-baby disaster.

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IMPRESSIONS OF THE MARCH

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Sandy and Matty came to the march to tell everyone they have just won an 8 year battle for custody of their six children. "The only issue was our Lesbianism." They met in a fundamentalist church in 1970. In 1971 they each divorced their husbands who have taken them through 8 years of legal battles and custody hearings. Finally, February 28, 1979, the Supreme Court of the State of Washington granted them custody of their children and also approved for them to live together. Throughout those 8 years, they had faith that they would win. They believed justice and god (however you define "god" to be) is on their side. "We are people of faith in God, not in the church." They said they felt it was a miracle that they won. "We give God the credit. Having grown up in the fundamentalist church," they said, "our calling is to deal with the Anita Bryants (of the world)." They said that they have the religious background to challenge the church. "God is our God, too."

Meanwhile, across the city, the patriarch, the fundamentalist church, was "praying for (our) souls." "Homosexuals are ruining the sacred family unit. Society must not condone homosexuality. If we give them their rights, we will be condoning them." The fundamentalists said, "They are actively encouraging other ministers and Christians to pray for our souls and to 'come out' against homosexual discrimination. This writer questions who gives them the right to play god. They had a small counter-demonstration with a few signs that said, "Repent or Perish, II Peter 2:12." We sang "As the Dykes Go Marching In" as we passed. Our energy was so high that we sang louder as we passed."

After the March a District of Columbia police officer commented that he was surprised and impressed by the efficiency and organization of the National March on Washington Committee. This writer was also impressed by the efficiency and organization of the march.

This is an election year. It is my opinion that we need to mobilize, once again, against our oppressors. We need to come out for our freedom, for our rights. We are now an international movement for civil rights. We must be visible. By marching on Washington, we made an international statement that we demand our civil rights and will not accept anything but our rights. After we won Proposition 6 in California last year, Briggs (State Senator John V. Briggs, Rep.) said he would be back again and that we had not heard the last of him. We need to begin now to defeat our oppressors at their own political game. We are at least 20 million people and a major voting block. As Flo Kennedy said, "We need to use our numbers politically. We are consumers and big business needs to know us, to hear us and to deal with us."

Holly Near said, "This is the beginning . . . Today is for our Gay children. This event has given us international access to each other that we seldom get, unlike straights who get it every day. Today will be a key reference point in our fight for liberation - Lesbian/Gay liberation; liberation from the oppressions of sexism, racism, classism; liberation against the oppressions of the physically challenged; economic oppression by rich; nuclear oppression - all oppression. Centuries of human rights movements have paved the way for us to be here. Today will be one of many events that will serve as a building block leading to the inevitable end of oppression and the beginning of freedom for all."

The demands made by the March on Washington were:

1. Passage of a comprehensive Lesbian/Gay rights bill in Congress.
2. Issuance of a presidential executive order banning discrimination based on sexual orientation in the Federal Government, the military and federally-contracted, private employment.
3. The repeal of all anti-Lesbian/anti-Gay laws.
4. The end to discrimination in Lesbian mother and Gay father custody cases.
5. The protection of Lesbian and Gay youth from any laws which are used to discriminate against, oppress and/or harass them.

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BOYCOTT — (continued from page 1)

Despite combined international appeal and attack from nutritionists, professionals, clergy, and consumer and civil rights groups, Nestle has changed its deceptive and backhanded promotional propaganda almost imperceptively. Nestle suggests that breast feeding in Third World Nations is inferior and, for societal health improvement, needs to be supplemented with their manufactured foods. But any claim Nestle makes is groundless since a population explosion is multiplied by tampering with child-spacing as regulated by months of nursing in these regions. Ninety-five percent of all mothers are able to breast feed, and the World Health Organization (W.H.O.) and UNICEF promote breast milk as the most appropriate and nutritional substance. Nestle's advertising appeal ranges from pamphlets, brochures, posters, doctor's seminars, and every form of the media (including billboards) to free supplies of samples distributed at the hospital nursery by Nestle's hired "milk nurses." Thus a consumer is born.

The Nestle boycott has spread worldwide as citizens protest infant morbidity and disease linked to unethical infant formula promotion. Their questionable marketing techniques were initiated to compensate for a decline in the birthrate in all affluent and industrial nations: the "too few mouths to sell to" syndrome. The proposed 1979 Infant Nutrition Act would regulate the U.S. based marketing companies, and these would be stringently licensed. But as a Swiss company, Nestle is impervious to this as well as the Food and Drug Administration and stock or shareholder pressure (as proposed by the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility).

Nestle seems to be unconcerned with any moral grounds of right to experience life, and is vulnerable only to market fluctuation. Therefore, the boycott groups have declared a moratorium on Nestle product purchases (listed below) until the corporation agrees to cease peddling its formula in underdeveloped countries. The Infant Formula Action Coalition (INFACT) in Los Angeles has instigated the "Clip Nestle Quik Drive." This removes Nestle food coupons from circulation and familiarizes the public with Nestle brand names to raise consumer awareness. Actress Linda Kelsey of the "Lou Grant" TV series is also on the boycott bandwagon, having contributed over \$850 to the campaign (her total revenue to date from a 1977 Nestle commercial). The latest boost to the boycott are 32,000 Associated Students of UCLA who have banned the stock of Nestle products in vending machines, the Student Store and all branches of the campus Food Service. Senator

Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) chairs the Senate Subcommittee on Health and Scientific Research, and he identifies the issue as corporate and social irresponsibility. But, while David Groner of the Nestle New York office admits that, "Someone has been overzealous," firm president David Guerrant believes Nestle shouldn't have to bear the burden of responsibility for consumer misuse.

Growing numbers of people disagree with Mr. Guerrant.

No one at Nestle has been near zealous enough, and they must take immediate action to reverse their formula disaster. The Nestle sales policy is a gross abuse of corporate control; the executives are power-wielding animals with no concern for human plight. You can celebrate the International Year of the Child through the elimination of profits to this reprehensible disease dealer. Send Nestle coupons to INFACT, notify the company of your decision and buy alternative brands. **BOYCOTT NESTLE PRODUCTS.**

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—S. D.

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M C C—TENTH ANNIVERSARY

By Rev. Ann Montague

The 10th Anniversary of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches was marked by its General Conference held in Los Angeles August 13-15. The International Conference was attended by around 2,500 women and men — some from as far away as Australia and Great Britain.

The UFMCC is the only Christian denomination which openly proclaims its ministry to Gay people and also the only church which has never questioned the ordination of women.

This was the 6th General Conference I have attended — the fifth as a licensed minister. It has always been exciting for me to see the increasing numbers of women every year. But this year there appeared to be a greater leap in numbers than previously. I believe one of the important reasons is the increase in women being licensed and ordained and generally involved in the spiritual leadership of the church. As of this conference, almost 50% of our ministers are women.

An indication of the greater influence of women in MCC is that the Board of Elders (who give guidance and direction to our denomination) is now composed of 4 women and 3 men. The Rev. Elder Freda Smith is now Vice-Moderator of the Board.

For me, the highlight of the Conference, which was held at the Biltmore Hotel, was the attendance and enthusiastic participation of two women who are well-known and respected in Evangelical Christian circles (where one generally finds terminal cases of rampant homophobia).

Rosalind Rinker, an author of numerous Christian books and articles, held a workshop on prayer attended by around 2,000 participants. *Christianity Today*, one of the largest evangelical periodicals, sent reporters to cover the event. They were somewhat puzzled by her appearance at our conference and it was clear after observing the interaction in the workshop itself, they were possibly doing some re-evaluating of their own positions, or at least it gave them a lot to think about.

Virginia Mollencott, an evangelical feminist, also addressed the Conference. She is the co-author of two books — *Men, Women and the Bible* and *Is the Homosexual My Neighbor?* She is prominently known in evangelical circles and because of her writing, is forcing that section of the Christian Community to see that their often misogynist and homophobic views are inconsistent with Scripture.

The involvement of both these women was personally very encouraging to me and combined with the numbers of women in attendance, gave this die-hard feminist a new sense of hope and re-newed energy to continue the struggle.

—A.M.

12TH N.O.W. NATIONAL CONFERENCE

By Carol Urist

Eleanor Smeal, President of the National Organization for Women, was re-elected for a two-year term by an overwhelming endorsement of the delegates. Also elected were: Judy Goldsmith (Wis.), vice-president, executive; Jane Wells-Schooley (Pa.), vice-president, action; Sandra Reeves-Roth (Va.), secretary and Alice Chapman (Conn.), treasurer.

Drawing nearly 3,000 feminists to the Bonaventure Hotel October 5th through 7th, members heard and delegates resolved over 100 issues at this around the clock conference.

Some of the people who addressed the conference included: Betty Friedan, a founder of N.O.W., L.A. Mayor Tom Bradley, Gov. Jerry Brown, state Supreme Court Chief Justice Rose Bird, labor leader Addie Wyatt, Gloria Lopez, Mexican-American National Women's Association and Dorothy Height, President of the National Association of Negro Women.

Delegates voted to expand their continuing commitment to ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. Three states are needed for ratification. The extension has been given until June 1982. Activity will be stepped-up to provide for thousands of "action teams" across the country, so that the issue cannot be ignored by politicians at the Democratic and Republican conventions in 1980. National attention must be focused on women's issues.

The following resolutions (in part) were adopted:

1. Reaffirmation of N.O.W.'s support of the rights of Lesbians and Gays. A vigorous action campaign is planned. Support for sexual orientation ordinances previously adopted by voters in the cities of San Jose and Santa Clara County, was part of this resolution.
2. The reproductive rights campaign will concentrate on changing the political climate by expanding the issue "from its sole focus on abortion to include all reproductive rights." Strategy and effort will be made to "expose the anti-contraceptive intent and impact of the proposed anti-abortion amendments to the U.S. Constitution which would make intrauterine devices illegal."
3. N.O.W. denounces the sexual harassment of women employed outside the home. Legal analysis and support for a test case in court was approved.
4. N.O.W. will seriously consider the timing of their next National Minority Women's Conference to coincide with, but not overlap, the 1980 N.O.W. National Conference. Minority participants will be actively sought and increased.
5. It was resolved, Pope John Paul II and the U.S. Roman Catholic hierarchy, that "sexism is a sin. Repent!"
6. N.O.W. is to be established as a broad political force.

Part 2 of the report on the N.O.W. National Conference in the next issue of the L.N. will include information on the entertainment, women's businesses and an elaboration of the Lesbian issues.

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Income		
Booth fees	\$ 2,027.11	
Admissions	6,200.50	
Beer Sales	5,705.48	
Total Income		\$ 13,933.09
Expenses & Distribution		
Booth rentals	\$ 1,434.75	
Trash container	125.00	
Chemical toilets	449.80	
Purrfect Disco	620.05	
Committee bus. & Security	1,550.00	
Anheuser Busch, Inc.	1,834.82	
Aztec Truck Rental	167.41	
Cigarettes	215.65	
Ice	525.00	
Printing & Advertising	867.81	
AAA Flag & Banner	250.00	
Generator	337.80	
Fence	515.00	
Lot Cleaning & Maintenance	186.25	
Misc. (stamps, telephone, etc.)	250.57	
Lesbian News % beer	740.65	
March on Washington % beer	740.65	
U.S. Mission % beer	571.88	
Grants awarded*	2,550.00	
Total Expenses & Distribution		\$ 13,933.09

*Grants were awarded to the community as follows:

Gay Student Union, L.A.C.C.	\$100.00
Jim Kepner - The Gay Archives	250.00
Michael A. Lombardi	50.00
Hudson House	300.00
Rick Clark	100.00
The Aquila Foundation	100.00
Nat. Comm. for Sexual Civil Lib.	300.00
We Are Everywhere International	100.00
Gay-In '80	100.00
The Lesbian Tide	200.00
Parents & Friends of Gays	150.00
Women's Outreach Comm. for the	
March on Washington	200.00
I.M.R.U. Gay Radio Collective	200.00
The Lesbian News	200.00
March on Washington Committee	200.00
Total Grants Awarded	\$ 2,550.00

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G. A. U. 6

The Gay Academic Union, in association with Whitman-Brooks, announces the Gay Academic Union's Sixth Annual Conference over the Thanksgiving weekend at UCLA. The event will be hosted by the Gay Student Union/UCLA.

The theme of this sixth annual conference will be: "The Challenge of the '80s: Our Changing Gay and Lesbian Culture." Co-Chairs for the conference will be Pam Parker of Whitman-Brooks and Gary Steele of GAU. Program co-ordinators will be Betty Berzon of GAU and Michael Gallup of Whitman-Brooks. All interested persons are invited to present papers or participate in panel discussions and workshops. All proposals should be directed to: GAU Conference, PO Box 927, Los Angeles 90028.

A highlight of this year's conference will be the second annual Awards Banquet, co-ordinated by Jeff Carron of Whitman-Brooks. Along with presentation of awards for contributions to the Gay community in the fine arts, research, performing arts, literature, theory development and the humanitarian award, the GAU Scholarship Awards will also be presented to Gay students who are pursuing work that will be of benefit to the Gay community.

—Flyer

GAY REPERTORY THEATRE FORMS

Apollo's Mice, a permanent Gay repertory theatre company and workshop, has been formed in Los Angeles.

The goal of the Mice is to present the best of theatre by Gay playwrights and/or dealing honestly with Gay life-styles. Planned as a repertory group, the Mice will consist of a limited number of Gay and pro-Gay women and men actors. The group will perform a revolving schedule of plays by both new and established playwrights on subjects ranging from comic to tragic.

The Mice will be meeting regularly for workshop on Thursdays at 7:30 PM. Needed are playwrights, apprentices, stage managers, electricians, gofers, actors, technicians, designers, directors and stage hands. Every Gay or pro-Gay woman or man interested in working with the Mice please call Ron Hitchcock at 664-1506.

—Press Release

PLANNING YOUR FUTURE SEMINAR

The UWW/International College in Santa Monica announces an evening seminar on Planning Your Future. Topics to be discussed include: How to improve your lifetime income as much as \$800,000; Modes of education to achieve your goals; Selecting the proper direction for you. There will be time for individual questions and will be counselors available for private meetings.

Space is limited, call and make reservations as early as possible at 451-1636. The seminar will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 6, 7:30 PM at 1413 5th St, No. 6, Santa Monica.

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The Rain Training is directed by Rain Slook, D.D. who has spent most of her life working with people and has been a teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School District involved in human relations, handicapped, gifted and remedial education. She has participated in three Intensive Training Courses, during which time, she became a Trainer Coordinator. She has also done private counseling for some time.

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LOCALS DEMONSTRATE FOR MARCH TOO

About 1,300 Lesbians, Gay men and friends gathered at the Santa Monica pier Sunday evening October 14th to show their support of the March on Washington which had occurred earlier in the day.

Armed with flashlights, the enthusiastic participants joined in Lighting Up the Coast as part of a coordinated effort which was aimed at lighting up the coastline from San Diego to San Francisco.

L.O.V.E. LOCKED OUT

The L.O.V.E. affair that was scheduled to be held at the Ukrainian Culture Center, Sunday, September 30th, had to be cancelled due to circumstances beyond their control. The manager of the center did not show up to let them enter.

The affair was to be the kick-off of the L.O.V.E. membership drive and 612 advance tickets had been sold. L.O.V.E. apologizes to all who were inconvenienced by this very unfortunate circumstance. The entire staff of L.O.V.E. will do all that is humanly possible to see that nothing like this ever again happens. They need and sincerely invite the community's continued warm support.

For further information about membership in this "women only" social organization, please call 672-9532.

—Letter

EMERGENCE CELEBRATES FIRST BIRTHDAY

Emergence celebrated its first birthday in October. This group came together originally with fifteen men as an interest group because of the lack of what they desired from a private club. After meeting one evening with the Affirmation Gay Mormon group, they decided to form their own organization. Emergence was conceived and became a membership of Gay Christian Science Lesbians and Gay men. They are yet unauthorized by the church, but still in harmony with their religion founded by its leader, Mary Baker Eddy.

They are predominately a religious, social and political group within the community, with their goal to have a better understanding of themselves, to work with others in the same lifestyle and to hopefully, one day, have a harmonious dialogue with the Mother Church in Boston, MA. Their achievement is to abolish the guilt and immoral feelings that the religious community has laid upon them.

For further information about this group, please contact Emergence at 256 S. Robertson Blvd., Box 7467, Beverly Hills, 90211.

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By Deborah Dorsett

The Cal Poly Gay Students Union and the Orange County Parents and Friends of Gays are having a special evening of dialogue on Wednesday, November 28th at 7 PM. GSU members will invite their parents to participate in a rap session to help verbalize feelings and problems and develop communication and understanding. Members who do not feel comfortable inviting their parents can benefit from the opportunity to talk to other parents, hear their reactions, and learn ways to eventually communicate with their own families. Call (714) 983-7626 for location.

The Pomona Valley Women's Association's film showing in October went very well. About 60 people attended. Financially PVWA broke even. But more importantly, the event generated a lot of interest in the group and PVWA added several new members. They didn't have anything planned for November, but you can call Meg (714) 626-3187 for the time and date of the monthly potluck and/or other happenings.

There is a new Parents and Friends of Gays chapter forming in Riverside. I was unable to find a local telephone number or person to contact, but the new group is proceeding under the guidance of the Los Angeles chapter, so you may be able to get information from them at 472-8952.

California

AB1 NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT NOW

AB1, Assemblyman Art Agnos' bill to prohibit discrimination in employment on the basis of sexual orientation, is under ferocious attack by so-called "Christian" groups. California Human Rights Advocates, the ACLU and Mom...Guess What...! (a Sacramento-based Gay newspaper) urge all Gay people and friends of human rights to organize to fight back this assault, not only on our rights, but on the very constitutional and moral principles the opponents of AB1 claim to be fighting for.

In August a vicious smear campaign against Gay rights and Gay people was launched by the Committee on Moral Concerns led by the Rev. B. W. Timberlake. This group produced a flyer that was distributed all over the state in public places, urging people to call or write their legislators and demand their opposition to AB1. They also distributed a flyer to all legislators, claiming to present the facts about AB1, but actually grossly misrepresenting it.

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According to CHRA, this group is easily capable of generating over 200 letter per district. That is over 16,000 letters opposing Gay rights. That is a lot of constituent pressure, and constituent pressure goes a long way in determining legislator's votes.

The Gay community must generate at least an equal amount of constituent pressure, and must apply it to legislators where it will do the most good.

Write your legislator. Choose one aspect of AB1 and write a short letter to your Assemblyperson, urging its passage and refuting the lies about it. For example, if you're a Christian, support it from that point of view. If you've been discriminated against because of your sexual orientation, use that as an argument. Address your letter to: Assemblyperson (Name), State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Write also to other influential Assembly members. AB1 will soon come before the Ways and Means Committee, where it needs your support. The Chair of the committee is Daniel Boatwright (D-Concord); Vice-Chair is Gordon Duffy (R-Hanford). Other members are Norman Waters, Stan Statham, John Knox, Leona Egeland, John Vasconcellos, Richard Hayden and Floyd Mori.

Spread the word. Tell your friends about the situation. Urge them also to write to legislators. Have an AB1 party and provide pens, stationery, stamps, food, drink and ideas for the contents of the letters. Have fun while you write — but write!

Gay people in California must not think that the defeat of Proposition 6 solved all our problems. Nationwide, a backlash against Gay rights, backed by intolerant, self-righteous bigots masquerading as defenders of "Christian morality" is growing stronger every day. These groups have thousands of people and millions of dollars at their disposal. It is time for the Gay community and its friends to wake up and fight back!

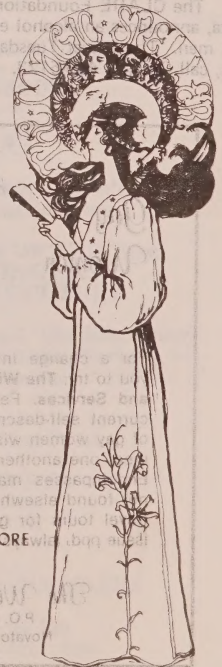
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HOUSING PROTECTION FOR GAYS

In a precedent setting move, the State of California, Division of Fair Employment Practices has agreed to investigate and remedy housing discrimination cases against Gay persons.

This decision resulted from extensive negotiations with Gov. Brown's office and other administrative officials by Mr. Paul D. Hardman of San Francisco and Mr. Thomas F. Coleman, a Los Angeles attorney, after prodding by Susan McGrievy, staff attorney for the Gay Community Services Center, when the Division refused to process several housing cases which she had referred to the Division for investigation.

---Press Release

NEW REFERENDUM BATTLE OVER GAY RIGHTS

Santa Clara County, which includes the city of San Jose, will be the site of a referendum battle over its newly-passed Gay rights ordinance.

The anti-discrimination ordinance, approved by the County Board of Supervisors, protects Lesbians and Gay men in the areas of employment, housing and access to government services. Although it is in force only in the unincorporated areas of the county, it is expected to be used as a model for the 14 cities encompassed by the county.

Over 25 hours of testimony was heard before final approval of the ordinance, much of it very emotional. Hearings were well attended by Gay rights supporters and foes alike.

Within days of its passage, the new law was being fought in the form of a petition drive to obtain the necessary 37,500 signatures in order to have the ordinance placed on the ballot and have its approval or rejection decided by a vote. In the space of 30 days, 57,000 signatures were gathered, and the County Registrar of Voters announced that, based on a 5% sampling, at least 49,000 of those were valid. The next step will be to place the ordinance before Santa Clara County voters in June, 1980.

---Gay Community News

OPEN GAY APPOINTED AS JUDGE

In a historic move, California Gov. Jerry Brown has appointed Stephen M. Lachs, an openly Gay person, to fill a vacancy on the Los Angeles Superior Court.

Lachs has been serving as a Superior Court Commissioner for the past several years. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Gay Community Services Center and a founder of the Municipal Elections Committee of Los Angeles (M.E.C.L.A.).

---Press Release

GAY STATE EMPLOYEES FORM GROUP

The Advocates for Gay State Employees first met on May 16 shortly after Gov. Brown signed an Executive Order prohibiting discrimination in State service on the basis of sexual preference. The purpose of that meeting was to establish a group of Gay State workers and friends interested in providing input to the State Personnel Board regarding implementation of the order.

AFSE is hopeful that the Executive Order will result in or lead to an education process with more universal effect. The group sees its role, in addition to working with SPB on the order, as one of liaison and resource for State employees, applicants and government officials alike.

Drop AGSE a line at any time to voice support and/or to input ideas. Write them at: Advocates for Gay State Employees, PO Box 161866, Sacramento, CA 95816.

---Mom...Guess What...!

WOMEN PICKET "BLOODLINE"

Women Against Violence in Pornography and Media of San Francisco picketed the opening of Paramount's "Bloodline" and convinced about 100 potential moviegoers not to play into the company's advertising hype that victimized women are sexually appealing.

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TWO LESBIAN MOTHERS WIN CUSTODY

Lesbian mothers won twice in the courts recently.

Donna Zelle of Champaign won custody of her three daughters, ages 15, 8, and 4. This was the first Lesbian mother case under new Illinois divorce laws and also the first favorable decision in a lower court. Usually Lesbians have to go to appeal courts.

In New Jersey, the Appellate Division of Superior Court ruled a Lesbian mother was better than a father with a "deviant personality." The mother, who was described as "a dutiful parent who did not encourage her children to become homosexuals," was awarded custody of two daughters ages 15 and 11.

—Blazing Star

ACLU FORMS NATIONAL GAY RIGHTS PROJECT

The ACLU has announced the formation of the ACLU's National Gay Rights Project aimed to coordinate information exchanges among ACLU attorneys working on Gay rights cases across America. The group also will act as the ACLU's liaison to other groups working on Gay rights litigation, coordinate a national legal strategy, and work to influence public opinion and policy. A docket of 40 or so cases has been assembled as the start-up phase of the project. The cases range from military rights to child custody to the chilling effect of public disclosure laws on contributions to Gay political candidates and causes.

For further information, contact ACLU at 466-6739 or at 633 S. Shatto Place, Los Angeles 90005.

—Press Release

BOISE WOMENS' DEFENSE FUND

In 1977 six women were fired from the Boise City Police Department for being Lesbians, and a long and grueling battle has been fought over civil and constitutional rights since then. Only one of four important issues has been settled, and currently the issue of the illegal wiretap is being dealt with.

Although the court stated that it believed the wiretap was illegal, it then ruled in July of this year that the tapes could be used. The Boise Womens' Defense Fund has chosen to appeal this decision in the San Francisco Appellate Court because, if the wiretap is used, our Constitutional Right to Privacy is being violated.

However, funds are needed to carry this fight forward. After two and a half years, the Boise Womens' Defense Fund is asking for assistance and financial support. Send donations to: Boise Womens' Defense Fund, PO Box 2256, Boise, Idaho 83701.

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NATIONAL NEWS SHORTS

Washington: Fundamentalists are organizing a nationally coordinated march on Washington in April of 1980. The effort is being made to counter the Gay march of this year. Two new anti-Gay lobbies, The Moral Majority and One Nation Under God are uniting forces with the already established and powerful Christian Voice . . .

New York: The National Gay Task Force has announced that it faces the possibility of becoming financially insolvent by January 1980 and urges everyone to become a member, at \$20 a year, and to urge your friends to become members also . . .

Chapel Hill, N.C.: Feminary, a feminist journal, has announced a shift in focus from a local feminist magazine to a Lesbian-feminist journal for the South. Published 3/year; \$5 to PO Box 954, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514 . . .

Des Moines: Pope John Paul II on a visit to several American cities, has reaffirmed the church's opposition to women priests. During his trip, he also reaffirmed his and the church's opposition to homosexuals . . .

Washington: Senator Paul Tsongas (D-MA) has sent a "Dear Colleague" letter to all members of the Senate announcing his intention to introduce legislation to prohibit employment discrimination against Lesbians and Gay men. The purpose of the letter is to seek co-sponsors for the proposed legislation. It will be the first time in history that a Gay civil rights bill will be introduced in the Senate . . .

New York: Bernadette Powell, a 27-year-old black woman, has been sentenced to 15 years to life imprisonment on charges that she intentionally murdered her ex-husband who physically abused her during their six-year marriage. A Bernadette Powell Defense Committee is trying to raise legal fees. Send contributions to BPDF, PO Box 164, Ithaca, NY 14850. . .

Miami: Time Magazine, which has featured Gay life in America on its cover on three separate occasions, has refused "a conventional, conservative ad" for Alive! magazine . . .

Washington: In proposals sent to next year's General Conference for policy statements, the United Methodist Church's Board of Church and Society has urged the passage of laws to protect human rights of all persons "without regard to sexual orientation," asked repeal of a prohibition on use of church funds for any homosexual group or the use of funds to promote acceptance of homosexuality, asked that the denomination's Social Principles statement that the church considers homosexuality "incompatible with Christian teaching" be revised to indicate the issue is still under study and examination, and set its own affirmative action policy to include hiring of employees without regard to sexual orientation, as well as race, sex, age or handicapping condition . . .

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National News Shorts continued.....

San Francisco: A network of women is currently assembling information on fibers and chemicals used in tampons. Women interested in requiring manufacturers to label product for complete contents should express their views to Dr. L. Yin, Director of FDA Division of Obstetrical and Gynecological Medical Devices, 8757 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20910 . . .

Washington: The Gay Activists Alliance of Washington, D.C. will be able to place consciousness-raising advertising posters in the more than 1,850 buses operated in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority by rule of a U.S. District Court judge based upon First Amendment free-speech rights . . .

New York: The National Gay Task Force and the National Organization for Women have protested treatment of suspected Lesbians attempting to cross the Canada/U.S. border to attend the Fourth Annual Michigan Women's Music Festival. Women seeking to enter the U.S. were reportedly harassed with personal, sexual questions. The protest has been made to U.S. Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti and urged him to end Immigration and Naturalization Services rules which allow border officials to ask "rude, insinuating and intimidating" questions . . .

Oakland, NJ: The National Association of Gay Alcoholism Professionals has been formed, hoping to become a strong and positive force in the field of alcoholism. To find out more, write NAGAP, PO Box 376, Oakland, NJ 07436 . . .

Washington: Recognizing the growing women workforce, the Supreme Court has declared unconstitutional the sex-based classification of the Aid to Families with Dependent Children—Unemployed Father program. The extension of AFDC-U payments to unemployed mothers will double the cost of the program. Twenty-six states have similar AFDC-U programs . . .

New York: The National Gay Task Force has been awarded a federally-funded grant for a project to research and document job discrimination against Gays in New York City . . .

Watertown, NY: The newly formed Watertown Gay Task Force has drawn harassment, beatings, death threats and even fire bombs which has made it the center of attention in this northern NY factory community of 30,000. The violence has been incited by the open opposition of Rev. Daniel Lovely, a self-professed Baptist minister . . .

Brooklyn, NY: Contributions for a booklet on "Racism and Classism in the Lesbian Community" are being sought in an attempt to compile an educational tool for Lesbians struggling with these issues. All articles submitted will be used, with some editing where necessary for clarity. Submit to Joan Gibbs, 306 Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11238 by January 17, 1980 . . .

San Diego: The first issue of Androgyny Review, a magazine devoted "exclusively to androgyny and left/right brain studies" has been published. The magazine will feature articles which "will include lay people and professionals fascinated by the idea of escaping from restrictive sex-role stereotyping." Contact them at PO Box 7429, San Diego, CA 92107.

New York: A National Gay-Deaf Awareness Campaign has been launched by the Empire Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf. The campaign is aimed at locating Gay-deaf persons who are not members of a Gay-deaf association or who want to establish such a group in their area. Contact John Nunier, 304 E. 20th St., No. 2-B, New York, NY 10003 . . .

Washington: The U.S. Defense Department is trying to strengthen its prohibition against Lesbians and Gay men in the armed forces and to clarify its rules in the wake of the Matlovich and Berg Appeals Court decisions. The Department has proposed new regulations that would include "Marriage between personnel of the same sex" as an "aberrant sexual act." Under no conditions would known Lesbians and Gays be allowed to remain in the services . . .

INTERNATIONAL NEWS SHORTS

The International Gay News Agency is seeking information about the treatment of homosexuals in the Soviet Union. According to Simon Karlinsky, Professor of Slavic Languages at UC Berkeley, the situation is so oppressive there that the mere fact of being a homosexual is a criminal offense, as is supplying foreigners with news derogatory to the Soviet system. Contact IGNA, 315 Sutter, San Francisco, CA 94108, (415) 982-5810 . . .

Leuven, Belgium: Amnesty International has approved a resolution which declares that any person imprisoned for advocating homosexuality could be considered a prisoner of conscience. The resolution further stated that "in cases where homosexuality could reasonably be assumed to be a pretext for imprisoning individuals for their beliefs," such persons could be considered prisoners of conscience by A.I. . . .

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Reviews

GAY PLAYS — THE FIRST COLLECTION

William M. Hoffman, Editor

(New York: Avon Books, 1979, 493 pp, \$3.50 paperback)

In his introduction, William Hoffman points out that there exist (comparatively) very few plays about Lesbians, probably because the people most likely to write about Lesbians are women, and there are very few women playwrights — Gay or straight. Additionally, many Lesbians identify themselves as feminists and often put their energy into "feminist" material. Lastly, as a woman has a strike against her as a playwright simply because she is a woman in a male-dominated field, she can be leery of provoking a second strike by writing about her own group.

Thus there are only three Lesbian plays (out of eight) in this First Collection: "Confessions of a Female Disorder" by Susan Miller, "A Late Snow" by Jane Chambers and "The Killing of Sister George" by Frank Marcus.

Hoffman notes that the repression of homosexuality in the theater until the 1960's took the forms of silence, false accusation (a character who is not Gay is accused of it), stereotyping (male=effeminate, female=masculine), and exploitation (using Gays sensationally as local color). "In the beginning of the 1960's," says Hoffman, "Great Britain took the lead in Gay portrayal and American productions of British plays encouraged Americans to write more honestly." The second liberating force was the off-off Broadway lofts and coffee houses which introduced Gay productions.

A word should be said here also about the difference between a Gay play, whose central figure or figures are homosexual, and Gay theater. A Gay play is not necessarily written either by or for homosexuals. Gay theater, on the other hand, "winks, flirts and looks at its audience in a certain way," i.e., is "camp," without necessarily having homosexual subject matter at all. Gay theater is a style that could be applied to nearly any play written.

The three plays included in this book which are Lesbian are as follows:

"The Killing of Sister George" by Frank Marcus, first presented by the Bristol Old Vic at the Royal Theater, Bristol, England in 1965.

Many have seen the movie version of this play which has only four characters. The main character is June Buckridge, "Sister George" of a radio program similar to our daytime "soaps." June has thoroughly "gotten into" the role she has portrayed for four years, so much so that her younger roommate (read Lesbian lover), even calls her "George." The conflict of the play arises when June learns that "Sister George" is to be killed off the program to make room for a younger replacement. The play develops a. the somewhat unhealthy relationship of "George" and her lover, Alice; b. the "bad news carrier" from the radio station, Mrs. Mercy; c. the budding interaction between Alice and Mrs. Mercy; and d. the reactions of a secondary character, Xenia, a fortune teller who lives downstairs, with the other characters.

As I did not see the movie, I was not influenced by it. The written characters seemed a little stiff and unreal to me, or maybe I just wish it so.

"Confessions of a Female Disorder" by Susan Miller, first performed at the Eugene O'Neill Theatre Center's National Playwrights Conference, Waterford, Connecticut, July 19, 1973.

Ronnie is the central character of this play which carries her from puberty into marriage and a career as a writer. The style of the play combines flash backs and intercuts with real time to delineate Ronnie's "disorder" — her inability to deal with her latent, or not so latent but unacceptable, Lesbian tendencies. Running in and

out of Ronnie's life is Coop, Ronnie's friend from college and with whom Ronnie is in love. This is a play sensitive to the influence of learned belief systems, and the inner conflicts which arise when those fixed beliefs do not match one's real feelings.

Also popping in and out of the play are Ronnie's husband, psychiatrist, mother, another college roommate, a college lover, a neighbor and several cheerleaders and lettermen who serve as the play's Greek chorus.

Although occasionally I had to stop and re-read an insert to be sure of my timing, Ronnie's conflict with society and her constant fight to retain her stability touched me.

"A Late Snow" by Jane Chambers, first performed at Clark Center for the Performing Arts, New York City, 1974.

This play takes place in a cabin by a lake and is staged with a livingroom and kitchen downstairs, and two bedrooms on the second floor, all of which can be witnessed by the audience simultaneously. The cabin is owned by Ellie, a college professor, who is the central character. Due to circumstances unbeknownst to each other, Ellie, her ex-lover, Pat, her current lover, Quincey, her future lover, Margo and finally, her way-past, "perfect" dream lover, Peggy all come together at the cabin where they are detained overnight by a late (early spring) snow.

If this scenario seems outrageous and impossible, let me dispell such ideas right off. The manner in which these five women arrive at the cabin the same evening is plausible, the characters are sensitive, and the story is totally believable. Ellie, Pat, Quincey, Margo and Peggy are such distinctly different personalities that any Lesbian reading (or seeing) this play is likely to see herself in one of the characters. The play is written with such knowledge of who we are and how we feel, that it had to have been written by someone who really knows by being there. Majority Report reviewed "A Late Snow" as "totally absorbing and emotionally powerful." It is!

At \$3.50, you cannot go wrong in buying this book even if you read only the three Lesbian plays. Or for that matter, it is my opinion the entire price is worth "A Late Snow." However, there are three other plays in the book that, although they are about Gay men, are quite entertaining. They are "T-Shirts" by Robert Patrick; "Boy Meets Boy" by Bill Solly and Donald Ward; and "Cornbury" by William M. Hoffman and Anthony Holland. The other two plays in the book might, repeat might, be rewarding to Gay men, but I do not believe they would be found either entertaining or rewarding by most Lesbians. The most notable absence in this First Collection are the plays with homosexual themes by Mae West written in the late 1920's, for which Mr. Hoffman could not obtain permission to reprint from the author.

That a book has been published which only deals with plays with homosexual characters, and that the editor contemplates more than this first volume, says much about the change of attitudes of the theater, publishers, police departments (who shut the Mae West plays down cold!) and the public. To support this type of book financially (i.e., buy it), will insure that the freedom to progress openly will be attenuated.

—Jinx Beers

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THE OTHER PERSUASION

Edited by Seymour Kleinberg

(New York: Vintage Books, 237 pp, \$3.95 paperback)

This is an anthology of short fiction about Gay men and women. The collection is diversified. I found fiction from all aspects of homosexuality. I found a different point of view on a few of some of my old favorite authors. I found a few new favorites as well.

This book is a treasure chest full of little known works of authors famous and not so famous for other pieces of "literature" (I think literature is definitely in the eye of the beholder, and I'm not so inclined to make the generalization that all writings constitute literature . . .)

The book is divided into three sections, not including the introduction. These divisions are actually separatist in that they allow for the reader to more fully appreciate the differences in style and theme of the authors and their works.

The stories are dated by the period in which they were produced. They appear in chronological order dating from 1893 (Before Dark by Marcel Proust, translated by Richard Howard) to 1975 (Middle Children by Jane Rule).

There are more women writers here than in any other anthology I've yet seen. Some of these women include Gertrude Stein, Radclyffe Hall, Joan O'Donovan, Helen Essary Ansell, Ingeborg Bachman, Maude Hutchins, Diris Betts, Jane Rule and Elizabeth Taylor.

This collection isn't available everywhere, you might have to ask your feminist bookstore to special order it for you from Random House.

If you enjoy short fiction like I do, you know how hard it is to find a selection of stories that pertain to anything resembling Lesbian lives and lifestyles. I think the editor has taken some of the most special types of literature and given us a gift we should not refuse to read.

If you don't like to read, you will enjoy this book. If you enjoy reading, you'll take away some pleasure from this book. Either way, it's not to be missed.

Let me know how you like it.

---Janine Asai

THE BEAUTY QUEEN

By Patricia Nell Warren

(New York: Bantam Books, Inc., 1979, 292 pp, \$2.50 paperback)

Patricia Nell Warren has interwoven the lives of several New York gays with that of a fanatic homo-phobe to show how gay people are personally affected by public figures. The main characters are:

Jeannie Laird Colter, ex-beauty queen, ex-movie actress (not star), ex-congresswoman who has decided to make a political comeback after a "nervous breakdown" by running for governor. Her previous political tactics had swept across moral issues - the jailing of prostitutes, the closing of porno movie houses - and she expects her anti-homosexual crusade to carry her to office. She knew she hated homosexuals deeply, though she was reminded that as a "saved" Christian she was supposed to love her enemies even as she tried to destroy them. What she didn't know was that her own father was gay!---

William Laird, Colter's prominent father, who was afraid to step out of his gay closet, although reluctant to support his daughter's latest campaign. On the verge of losing his long-time lover because of his hesitancy, Laird struggles with his priorities - his

daughter, his lover and his own self-esteem ---

Mary Ellen Frampton, a NYC police officer who hides her lesbianism in order to keep her job. Laid off from the police department (because of Colter's campaign?), Mary Ellen conspires to put her marksmanship to use against Colter to free her community from a tyrant, and to avenge her own grief---

Danny Blackburn, Mary Ellen's gay patrol partner who, along with others, is also laid off from the NYPD. Having nothing to lose, Danny comes out of his closet with his lover, and while leaving a gay bar alone one night, is beaten to death by five red-necks inspired by the Colter campaign---

Without a doubt, Warren has researched her characters, and the gay community, well. She is sensitive to the political aspects of gay life and to the personal feelings of lesbians and gay men. She takes the time to delineate her characters well, to make them human, and to include varying types of personalities. Warren does display sensitivity toward gays, and weaves a story with excitement and suspense around that.

Does Colter become governor? Hardly, with a gay father. But the manner in which Warren sorts out each character's life will give you reading pleasure.

---Jinx Beers

Calendar

The following listings are published as a service to the community. We seek the assistance of all community organizations to make this calendar complete. Where a fee is charged for profit, a donation of \$1 is required for each calendar listing. Deadline for the December issue is November 15.

Every Sunday

- 5:00 PM -- Lesbians of Color, Alcoholism Center for Women, 1147 S. Alvarado, Los Angeles (381-7805)
- 6:30 PM -- M C C West Bay Church Services, 1260 18th St., Santa Monica (450-6670)
- 8:00 PM -- Lesbian Raps, CSU Northridge Women's Center, 9428 Etiwanda, Northridge (885-2780)
- 8:30 PM -- KPFK, 90.7 FM, Lesbian Sisters or I.M.R.U.

Every Monday

- 7:30 PM -- Alternative to A.A., Womonspace, 237 Hill St., Santa Monica. Not for those who need detoxification or therapy. A creative dialogue/feminist support on the part alcohol plays in our lives. Open to all women; facilitated by Betty Shoemaker (484-9988)

Every Tuesday

- 6:00 PM -- Battered Woman's Legal Clinic, Womonspace, 237 Hill St., Santa Monica (399-9813)

Every Wednesday

- 12:00 N -- Assertiveness Training Program, CSU Long Beach, room LA3-105. Sponsored by University Women's Center (498-5466)
- 6:30 PM -- Volleyball at the Beach, sponsored by Womonspace, Meet at the courts at the end of Ocean Park Blvd., S.M.



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- 7:00 PM — ERA Work Party, San Fernando Valley N.O.W., North Hollywood YWCA, 5703 Laurel Canyon Blvd., North Hollywood (884-7042)
- Every Thursday
7:00 PM — Radical Therapy Open Group, Womonspace, 237 Hill St., Santa Monica, \$2 for unemployed, \$5 employed but no woman turned away for lack of funds
- 7:30 PM — Women's Rap Group of Ventura, meets at a private home in Ventura. Call for location and details (Keri, (805) 659-2639)
- Every Friday
8:30 PM — Beth Chayim Chadashim evening services, 6000 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles (559-0320)
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- Continuing through November 15
- Bedtime Stories: Women Speak Out about Incest, The Woman's Building, 1727 N. Spring St., Los Angeles (221-6161)
- Friday, November 2
7:30 PM — Equal, Non-Sexist Relationships, Drop In, Center for Feminist Therapy, 12581 Venice Blvd., Suite 206, Los Angeles. Presented by L.A. Men's Collective. \$3 (391-6321)
- 7:30 PM — Jewish Feminist Group, Drop In, Womonspace, 237 Hill St., Santa Monica (Simone, 473-9090)
- 8:00 PM — Lesbian Rights Task Force, N.O.W., Business Meeting, 6363 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 310, Los Angeles. Open to all interested women.
- Saturday, November 3
7:30 PM — "Lucia" — a film, Center for Feminist Therapy, 12581 Venice Blvd., Suite 206, Los Angeles. \$3, reservations required (391-6321)
- Sunday, November 4
10:00 AM — Massage Workshop for Women and Men, Center for Feminist Therapy, 12581 Venice Blvd., Suite 206, Los Angeles. \$25, reservations required (391-6321)
- 2:00 PM — Racism: Issues and Changes (begins 5 Sundays), Center for Feminist Therapy, 12581 Venice Blvd., Suite 206, Los Angeles. \$95, reservations required (391-6321)
- Tuesday, November 6
6:30 PM — R.A.C.E. Workshop (responsibility, accountability, change, emotion), 13500 Branford St., Rm. 51, Arleta, \$20 A Rain Training (767-1862)
- 7:00 PM — Planning Your Future Seminar, UWW/International College, 1413 5th St., No. 6, Santa Monica. Reservations required (451-1636)
- Wednesday, November 7
7:30 PM — ACLU Gay Rights Chapter General Meeting, 5670 Wilshire Blvd., 3rd floor. Speakers will be Greg Byrd, Laurence Lyon and ACLU attorney Susan McGreiv. (HOMOSEX)
- Thursday, November 8
7:30 PM — The Psychological War on Debt: A Lesbian Perspective Workshop, Minette Miller, M.A., facilitator, 19747 Friar St., Woodland Hills. \$3 (992-5449)
- Friday, November 9
6:30 PM — Stonewall Democratic Club Annual Testimonial Dinner, Honoree to be Morris Kight, Ambassador Hotel. Reservations required, \$25 (Kenn, 467-1161 or Rick, 933-7397)
- 7:30 PM — Radical Therapy — How Radical?, Drop In, Center for Feminist Therapy, 12581 Venice Blvd., Suite 206, Los Angeles. \$3 (391-6321)
- Saturday, November 10
9:00 AM — Basic Auto Workshop, CSU Long Beach, Sponsored by University Women's Center. \$10, pre-registration required (498-5466)
- 1:00 PM — The Psychological War on Debt: A Lesbian Perspective Workshop, Minette Miller, M.A., facilitator, 19747 Friar St., Woodland Hills. \$3 (992-5449)
- Tuesday, November 13
6:30 PM — Relationships Workshop, 13500 Branford Street, Rm. 51, Arleta. \$20 A Rain Training (767-1862)
- Friday, November 16
7:30 PM — Meditation, Drop In, Center for Feminist Therapy, 12581 Venice Blvd., Suite 206, Los Angeles. \$3 (391-6321).
- 8:00 PM — Gay Teachers of Los Angeles general meeting, Leslie Powell, teacher, will speak on "Gay Women In and Out of the Closet," meeting in Silverlake area, call for location (461-5042 or 663-7610)
- 8:00 PM — Lesbian Rights Task Force, N.O.W., Program (Rap) Meeting, 6363 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 310, Los Angeles. Open to all women, not necessary to be a N.O.W. member.
- Saturday, November 17
8:30 AM — ACLU/GRC Gay Law Day, 16 workshops, Immaculate Heart College. \$15, reservations required (466-6737)
- 8:00 PM — November Birthday Concert/Dance featuring classical Flautist Jean Simons and vocalist Julie James, The Woman's Bldg, 1727 N. Spring St., Los Angeles. \$4, women born in November free (Patt, 798-5448)
- Monday, November 19
7:30 PM — Stonewall Democratic Club general meeting, 1428 N. McCadden Pl., Hollywood
- Tuesday, November 20
6:30 PM — Assertiveness vs. Aggression Workshop, 13500 Branford St., Rm. 51, Arleta. \$20 A Rain Training (767-1862)
- Wednesday, November 21
8:00 PM — Sexuality Myth-Information Workshop, Lee Risemberg, Bisexual Male Surrogate, 7136 Matilija Ave, Van Nuys. \$6 includes refreshments, social hour (873-3700 or 989-3700)
- Thursday, November 22
THANKSGIVING DAY
- Friday and Saturday, November 23 and 24
The Challenge of the 80s: Our Changing Gay and Lesbian Culture, Gay Academic Union's 6th Annual Conference, UCLA. \$25 reservation required (656-0258)
- Sunday, November 25
12:00 N — Lesbian News Potluck Lunch, general meeting and distribution, call for location. Open to all women interested in finding out more about the newsletter or just wanting to meet new women (837-6874)
- Tuesday, November 27
6:30 PM — Communications Experience Workshop, 13500 Branford St., Rm. 51, Arleta. \$20 A Rain Training (767-1862)
- Wednesday, November 28
12:00 N — Women and the Job Market, CSU Long Beach, Graduate Center, sponsored by University Women's Center (498-5466)
- Friday, November 30
Begins ONE in Long Beach Gay Arts and Crafts Festival (3 days), call for location (432-8GAY)
- 7:30 PM — Fat as a Feminist Issue, Drop In, Center for Feminist Therapy, 12581 Venice Blvd., Suite 206, Los Angeles. \$3 (391-6321)
- Saturday, December 1
7:30 PM — "Sabrina Sanchez & the Art of Embroidery," "Ruth Stout's Garden," "Antonia: Portrait of a Woman," "We Have No Art," — films, Center for Feminist Therapy, 12581 Venice Blvd., Suite 206, Los Angeles. \$3, reservations required (391-6321)
- Tuesday, December 4
6:30 PM — A Special Workshop for Coping with the Holiday Season, for singles and couples, 13500 Branford St., Rm. 51, Arleta. \$20 A Rain Training (767-1862)



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MARCH ON WASHINGTON — IN WASHINGTON

The National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights will happen October 14th — whether the Feds, the Christians or anybody else who oppose it likes it or not!

By now every major gay organization has endorsed the March, including those who originally refused endorsement. The Gay Freedom Train will leave San Francisco on a whistle-stop tour with the Reverend Troy Perry of Metropolitan Community Church and Lesbian comedienne Robin Tyler. And L.A. to N.Y. to D.C. air flights (the cheapest way to get there) are nearly booked solid.

If you still need housing in Washington, it is being provided at the University of Maryland at \$4.00 per night. Call the D.C. March office at (202) 789-1070 to reserve.

As we go to press, the speakers list had not been finalized, but we were assured it would include several prominent persons and that the rumor that Angela Davis was one of the speakers was just that — a planted rumor — and that Ms. Davis had never been asked to speak.

Attempts are being made to put together a disco dance there (billed as "the world's largest"), and word is that Meg Christian and Holly Near will definitely be there, along with Robin Tyler. A souvenir program has been planned and the March is seeking sponsors of the program (businesses, bars, organizations, people, etc.). The cost is \$50.00 to sponsor.

For late minute information, call the local March hot-line at GOMARCH. (The toll free number has been disconnected.)

—J. B.

MARCH ON WASHINGTON — LOCAL

While those of us who can be in Washington, D. C. on October 14th for the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights are marching there, those of us who can't be in Washington will be joining in a sympathy event here in California.

It is the intent of California Gays to light up the coastline from San Diego to San Francisco with a light that can be seen all the way to Washington itself.

If you can't go to Washington, assemble along the California coastline to either side of the Santa Monica Pier (not on the pier). Assembly time is 6:30 P.M. and bring a flash light with strong batteries (candles don't work in the breeze too well) and wear a sweater. Turn-on time is about 8:00 P. M. (you will be signaled by monitors. If you would like to assist as a monitor, call Joy at 664-5354).

Not only will the March on Washington be a history-making event, media coverage of the local support is expected. Be there in spirit! Be on the coast-line with your flashlight Oct. 14th, 6:30 P.M.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF GAYS

The Washington, D.C. chapter of Parents and Friends of Gays is sponsoring a meeting of chapters from all over the country on October 13th, the day before the March on Washington. This will be the first time the organization has ever met nationally. Many of the attenders plan to stay through Tuesday to lobby for Gay rights.

Locally, the several Southern California Chapters are urgently seeking contributions to send as many parents as they can to the Washington March. They feel the presence of thousands of supportive parents, and other relatives, may be one of the most important statements to come from the March.

All contributions are tax-deductible. If you can't go to Washington, send a parent. Your dollars, and even cents, may be sent to: Parents and Friends of Gays, PO Box 24528, Los Angeles 90024.

—D.D.

THIRTY-TWO MONTHS TO GO: THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

"When bad men combine, the good must associate;
else they will fall, one by one, unpitied in a contemptible struggle."

—Edmund Burke

On June 30, 1982, the deadline for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) will expire. At this point in time only three more states need to ratify in order for ERA to become the 27th Amendment. Will ERA bring us the millennium? No, but it will establish a national policy and relieve women of the burden of litigating in order to establish equal treatment. ERA remains a number one priority because it is the only issue that has a deadline attached to it. Unless we want to leave some unfinished business for the next generation, we better get on with the job, or else start preparing for another extension campaign.

The LA Chapter of the National Organization For Women invites you to get involved. If you have the time join the ERA Task Force or Speaker's Bureau. Task Force meetings are held the first and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 6363 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 310, starting at 7:30 P.M. Call LA NOW for details (213) 655-3332. We are involved directly in supporting ratification efforts in other states and in outreach locally. The Speaker's Bureau offers excellent training for those accustomed or unaccustomed to public speaking. At present we are using video equipment to train speakers. The ERA Task Force is planning to expand and offers an excellent way for you to become involved.

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ERA UPDATE: (continued from page 1)

The ERA remains but one issue in the feminist movement. Though it is a bread and butter issue, it is also symbolic of the feminist movement. Should we, by our own apathy and inaction allow its defeat a false message may be sent out to the nation: women do not want equality, things were good the way they were.

—J.G.

The L.N. Series on Boycotts will continue next month with a look at the Nestlé Corporation.

Community

NATIONAL NOW CONFERENCE Los Angeles — October, 1979

NOW's 12th Annual National Conference will be held Oct. 5, through 7, 1979 at the Bonaventure Hotel in Los Angeles. "NOW More Than Ever" has been selected as this year's conference theme. As the largest feminist organization in the nation, NOW expects attendance to number 3,000.

Most vital of conference issues will be the National ERA Homestretch Ratification Campaign. As the organization chiefly responsible for winning the extension, National Organization for Women remains actively committed to obtaining ERA ratification by the June 30, 1982 deadline.

Other key conference activities include the election of national officers, who will set the direction of the entire feminist movement over the next two years. A myriad of workshops on evolving issues, and numerous exhibits have been planned. Friday night entertainment features a concert by Margie Adam, Holly Near and other noted feminist performers. There will be a disco on Saturday night.

—Sister

GAYS SEEK TO END DISCRIMINATION WITHIN GAY COMMUNITY

In response to increasing reports of discrimination on the basis of race, sex, and/or age at various gay establishments, efforts have begun in Los Angeles to bring such discrimination to an end.

Written appeals for voluntary compliance with a policy of non-discrimination, an American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)-sponsored panel discussion of the issue among third world gays, and the threat of legal action against offending establishments are among the efforts thus far undertaken.

Allegations of discrimination by gays against other gays center primarily on the admission policies of establishments in the Hollywood area. Some bar and discotheque owners in that area reportedly insist that entrance restrictions are necessary for the protection and comfort of their clientele. Persons denied entry into those establishments charge that the restrictions are racist, sexist, and/or ageist.

The restrictions include the possession of three pieces of identification and a prohibition against persons wearing open-toe shoes.

In addition to admission policies at bars and discotheques, panelists identified lack of communication, paternalism, growing apathy and alienation among women and third world gays, and tokenism as symptoms of the overall problem of discrimination. Among the solutions offered by various members of the panel were a boycott of establishments requiring three pieces of identification, patronization of bars and other gay establishments in third world communities, and greater communication between all the various constituent groups of the gay community.

—Press Release

ANN MYERS JOINS N.B.A. (BRIEFLY)

UCLA women's basketball star Ann Myers has become the first woman to sign a professional contract with the National Basketball Association. Myers lasted only three days in the rookie camp before being cut, and will spend the remainder of her \$50,000 contract in an administrative capacity with the Indiana Pacers.

—Herald Examiner

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The Lesbian News is a monthly newsletter providing an outlet for points of view for all segments of the Lesbian/feminist community. Although our space is limited, we will always have room for points of view other than our own, and for rebuttals to that which we publish. We invite community participation in the creation of a community newsletter. All women are invited to attend the monthly Staff meeting as indicated in the calendar.

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COME LET'S SING TOGETHER

The Los Angeles Women's Community Chorus is open for new members. All women are welcome, no auditions. Oct. 7 is the last open meeting in which to sing, discuss our goals and get acquainted. They are looking for women who can commit themselves to the full season, from September thru July.

The Chorus wants to reach out to women of color in L.A.; Latin women, Asian, Black, Native American women and invite your participation.

It is important to them that the music reflect the broad range of experience, creativity and energy that women from all different cultures and backgrounds have brought to the struggle to end oppression in this world. They also want to demonstrate one pure and simple fact, that women have a tremendous capacity to create beautiful music!

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---Spinning Off

G. C. S. C. HAS OPEN HOUSE

The Gay Community Services Center held an Open House on Friday, September 14, from noon to 2:00 P. M. and featured Zev Yaroslavsky and Ed Edelman in a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating completion of the first phase of the Center's remodeling. Peggy Stevenson introduced Steve Schulte, the new executive director. Included in the event were tours of the Center, film showings, entertainment, and refreshments. Among the invited guests were officials from the Department of Public Social Services, the Employment Development Department, law enforcement agencies, the entertainment industry, and the gay/lesbian community as well as City/County government representatives.

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PRISONER "REFORMS"

Johnny Grant, Public Affairs Director at local TV station KTLA, has announced that the station will work with community leaders to neutralize any problems which have been caused by Channel 5's airing of the serial-drama "The Prisoner."

Women's and Gay groups had objected to the negative stereotypical images of women on the program, especially that of the only lesbian-identified character, Frankie Doyle. Grant indicated that on future episodes of the drama, which centers on women in prison, the characters of Frankie Doyle and other women become fuller and less stereotypical.

---C.U.

LOCAL ATTORNEY APPOINTED BY ACLU

Local attorney Susan McGreivy was appointed by the ACLU to become their full-time person working for Gay and Lesbian civil rights. Ms McGreivy was formerly an attorney for the Gay Community Services Center of Los Angeles. She will begin her term of office November 1st because she is now in Washington working on the preparation for the October 14th National March for Gay and Lesbian rights.

---C.U.

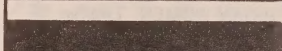
GAYLA HOLIDAY FLING JUMPS!

Gayfaire has announced that more than 6,000 persons visited the Gayla Holiday Fling over the Labor Day weekend.

The mixture of Gay and non-Gay, and all ethnic groups, was a positive one. The education value and the shared love is of no less importance than all the other positives of the four days together.

The Gayfaire Board of Directors has received several grant requests and have acted on those requests. Awards will be announced at the October 2nd First Tuesday meeting. The community is invited to attend.

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WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY AWARD

Actress Jayne Meadows received the First Annual Women's Equality Day Award from the Los Angeles Chapter, National Organization for Women, at the Chapter's Monte Carlo fundraiser Aug. 26.

Ms. Meadows was honored for her portrayal of feminist Susan B. Anthony on "Meeting of the Minds", a PBS series. Ms. Meadows' husband, actor-producer Steve Allen, received a special commendation from NOW for producing "Meeting of the Minds".

Frances Lear, Chair of Equality Day stated, "The award to Jayne Meadows is especially fitting, since we are devoting our time and contributions on all of Equality Day to honoring the early suffragists and working for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment."

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EXOTIC NEWS AT THE FEMINIST WICCA!

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The first openly Gay Advertisement has made its debut in the Yellow Pages' new edition. The ads were placed by GENE'S TV — Hollywood. Although there was some initial opposition on the part of Pacific Telephone, approval was eventually granted.

Gene's TV is no stranger to "firsts". They were the first openly Gay owned and operated authorized TV dealership for sales and service in the Los Angeles area. They were also directly responsible for getting the major TV manufacturers, for the first time, to pay co-op advertising in Gay publications.

While Gene's TV is openly Gay, they are an integral part of their neighborhood community, belonging to many civic groups and organizations, and they serve as the polling station for city, state and federal elections.

—Press Release

SUPERVISOR APPOINTS MYRA RIDELL

Los Angeles County Supervisor Ed Edelman has appointed Myra Ridell, local Lesbian feminist activist, to the Los Angeles County Commission on the Status of Women.

Ridell is a psychotherapist in the Hollywood area. She chairs the Southern California Women for Understanding, and is co-chair of the New Alliance for Gay Equality (New AGE).

—C.U.

GAY DAY REVISITED

The Gay Radio Collective has announced that KPFK, 90.7 FM, will be broadcasting Lesbian and Gay programming the day of the National March on Washington, October 14th.

Programming will begin at 10:00 AM and continue until 9:30 PM, with live coverage from the March from 11 AM to 1 PM. Other features will be excerpts from Kate Millet, an interview with Shere Hite, and Jane Wagner speaking on the topic of Lesbian Mothers. It is expected that coverage may include the Holly Near concert from Washington.

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The Feminist Wicca, located at 442 Lincoln Blvd., Venice, needs a staffer, assistant manager trainee, to begin around October 1st. They need a dedicated sister who would be willing and able to accept the minimum salary they have to offer. The vibes are great, however, and possibilities unlimited. Please apply Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday, 9-11 or 1:30-5:30. Ask for Annu or call 399-3919.

—Letter

LONG BEACH HOTLINE

ONE in Long Beach has established an information/crisis Hotline. Hours will be between 6:30 P.M. and 11:00 P.M., seven days a week. The number is 432-8GAY.

In addition there are still positions available for those who are interested in serving as Hotline monitors. Please contact them if you are interested at ONE in Long Beach, P. O. Box 3963, Long Beach, CA 90803.

—ONE Update

OUR THANKS TO OUR FRIENDS

The Lesbian News wishes to publicly thank everyone who assisted the Newsletter at the Gayla Holiday Fling over the Labor Day weekend. Your efforts culminated in a successful financial ending for the newsletter, which means the whole community benefits. From our hearts, "thank you": Sandy Kennedy, Debbie Bamrick, Dusty Titus, Jo, Linda Wineland, Monika Rogash, Sandy Rubenstein, Letty Chavoya, Carmen Dahlstrom, Jeanne Ablon, Carol Urist, Dee Dicey, Buffie Bolles, Jane Clewe, Joan Sprague, June Inman, Johnnie Spears, Jean Tillotson, Donna Read, Carol Wood, Diane Gilliland, Ann Montague, Wendy Averill, Phyllis Lambert.

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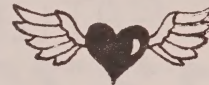
A TRIBUTE TO MORRIS KIGHT

On Friday, November 9 at the Ambassador Hotel the Gay Community will honor Morris Kight with a special testimonial dinner.

Morris Kight is an individual of extraordinary commitment to the human rights of all people, and most particularly to the rights of Gays and Lesbians. The event is being sponsored by the Stonewall Democratic Club.

Everyone is invited to be a part of this unique evening by advertising in the commemorative keepsake programme that will be published for the hundreds of guests and friends gathered on Nov. 9. For information, call Jeanne Cordova at 839-7254.

—Letter



REV. JOAN JOHNSON ORDAINED

In a moving service, the Reverend Joan Johnson was ordained into the ministry of Holy Trinity Community Church. Rev. Don Pederson, Rev. Earl Schmidt and Moderator Paulette Hunniwell presided.

Rev. Johnson has been installed as Co-Pastor, replacing Rev. Pederson who has moved to the United Community Church of Dallas Texas.

—Holy Trinity Epistle

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The Orange Corner

by: Carol Urist

Three important things happened in O. C. this summer. Women in a 12 mile Walk-A-Thon for ERA, raised over \$11,000 in pledges. The event was hosted by five NOW chapters. An O.C. woman, Georgia Garrett-Norris, was elected to the Board of Directors of Calif. Human Rights Advocates. And thousands of lesbians and gay men integrated Knott's Berry Farm for an evening of entertainment. And who says O.C. is pathetic!

Neiman-Marcus, a new fashion store in Fashion Island, will present K'E'Y': Knowing and Employing You, a three evening seminar on Career Life Planning. It begins on Oct. 4th and the cost is \$45. Sioux Harlan, Ed.D. will facilitate. For admittance by reservation only phone: 714-759-1900, ext. 294.

In case you've wondered why Long Beach events have appeared in this column, I've always felt that O.C. is largely a state of mind rather than a distinct geographical area. That is, if you live in the Los Angeles city area, Long Beach is as far away as Orange County.

Two exciting things are evolving in Long Beach. One, Inc. of Long Beach has announced that their Festival Art and Craft Show will be held Nov. 30th, Dec. 1 and 2nd. The show will focus on lesbian and gay artists and crafts people as did their recently successful HomoErotic Show. Lesbians and gays interested in participating in the show can call or write: One, Inc., P. O. Box 3963, Long Beach 90803, 213-436-2148 or 213-437-4621. One also has a new hotline and a new rap group. The hotline number is: 213-432-8GAY.

Over the summer a group of Long Beach women got together to form an alternative to the bar scene. It's called The L.B. Women's Union. Meeting are held every Monday evening; and they hold several activities per month. Many events take place in parks because the group is too large for most homes. however, a Halloween party is planned to be held in a home. For more information write or call: The Long Beach Women's Union, P. O. Box 14785, Long Beach, Ca. 90814, or call: 213-432-8047 during the day and ask for Eileen.

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O. C. PARENTS OF GAYS

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Additionally, O.C.P.F.G. operates a 24 hour hot line from the above number and sponsors rap sessions the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M. Other services include a lending library, speakers bureau and peer counseling for parents and gays. For further information on any of these call: 964-4392 or write to them at P. O. Box 6212, Huntington Beach 92646.

---Press Release

G. C. C. MOVES

The Gay Community Center of Orange County has moved to a new location, at 12411 Euclid, Garden Grove, California. The phones are the same and most of the programs are continuing on the same schedule.

---Letter

Inland Items

by: Deborah Dorsett

The Pomona Valley Womens Association will show the movie "In The Best Interests of the Children" Saturday, Oct. 6, at 7:30 P.M. The screening will be at the Metropolitan Community Church, 590 E. Mission Blvd., Pomona. Tickets are \$1.00 and seating is limited so you should call in advance if you plan to attend.

Also on the 6th, the MCC is holding a rummage sale in their parking lot (address above) from 10 A.M. to 2 P. M. Regular church services are 11 A.M. Sunday and Bible study at 8:00 P.M. Wednesday.

The Women's Resource Center at the University of California, Riverside (UCR) holds regular Lesbian Rap Sessions. They have been meeting on Thursdays at 6:30 P.M. but they may have been changed with the new semester. For more information, call: 714-787-3337.

The Inland Empire Dignity (Gay Catholics) holds regular Bible discussions, which are reportedly lively and well-attended. For information: Dignity, P. O. Box 7504, Riverside, 92513.

For October happenings that may have been planned since the LN deadline, try calling the Gay Community Center Hotline, 714-824-7618. Hotline hours are 6:30 P.M. to 10 P. M. Wednesday through Saturday.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By: Carol Urist

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The following is an update on California legislation concerning women and/or Gay persons:

AB1: Assemblyman Art Agnos (D—S.F.) authored this bill. It concerns sexual harrasment in employment. Testifying before the Ways and Means Committee (the bill is still at that point), Sharon Spitzer of Parents and Friends of Gays asked "if your child were Gay, would you want him or her protected and able to work?" The following committee members need to be encouraged to vote yes: Chair, Daniel Boatwright (AD10,D), Richard Hayden (AD22,R), Charles Imbrecht (AD36,R), Floyd Mori (AD15,D), Marilyn Ryan (AD51,R).

AB188: (Agnos) Until analysis is made of a pending court decision, this bill will be held up. It concerns the forbidding of sexual demands for condition of employment. Jim Ellis and Robert Hayes abstained; Phil Wyman was absent.

SB539: Authored by Senator Alan Sieroty (D—L.A.), died on the Senate floor early in July from lack of support. It would have freed those convicted of solicitation from registering as sex offenders.

SB528 (Sieroty) This bill has been amended to remove the offense of solicitation. It would require non-police complainants to object to your behavior in order for you to be arrested. Women have been busted on this one. It is currently before the Senate Judiciary Committee. It is like 539 but stronger and more controversial. Targeted (need convincing) legislators are: John Nejedly, Marz Garcia, Jerry Smith, John Garamendi, Paul Carpenter and James Mills.

OFFICER CONVICTED IN LESBIAN BEATING

A jury of persons alleging to be heterosexuals has found San Francisco police officer Daniel Marr guilty of beating Peg's Place doorperson Arlene Levine in an altercation which took place between Levine and the off-duty officer on the evening of March 30.

"No one here can remember another time in our city when a cop was convicted for beating up a Lesbian," said Tom Steel, Levine's attorney. "This is an important first in terms of making police accountable (for their actions) . . . but the only reason that they paid any attention to us is that the entire Gay community united to place tremendous pressure on them . . ."

—Gay Community News

COURT STRIKES DOWN SEXUAL SOLICITATION CASE

The California Supreme Court has issued a ruling of national importance in a sexual solicitation case. The case centered around the constitutionality of the criminal statute which prohibits soliciting or engaging in "lewd or dissolute" conduct.

The Court reviewed and analyzed over 70 years of statutory interpretation and, responding to the question of what conduct past appellate decisions have made illegal, the Court said, "The answer of the prior cases — such acts as are lustful, lascivious, unchaste, wanton, or loose in morals and conduct — is no answer at all." The Court then totally overruled all of those cases, concluding that the statute

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The effects of this decision will be far reaching, since most other states have similar statutes, and many states look to the California Court for leadership in judicial matters.

In a surprise move rather than striking the statute down in its entirety and deferring to the legislature to redefine the crime, the Court adopted the approach suggested by the Los Angeles City Attorney's office and reconstructed the statute itself to meet constitutional tests, creating a totally new and unique interpretation and definition.

Finally, in an exceptionally unusual move, the Court gave retroactive effect to its new definitions. This means that tens of thousands of persons previously prosecuted under the statute may be entitled to an overturning of their convictions for solicitation or lewd conduct, thereby eliminating the requirement to register as sex offenders for the rest of their lives.

The scholarly and meticulous opinion of the Court, fifteen months in preparation, and some thirty pages in length, was authored by Justice Matthew O. Tobriner, senior member of the Court. Chief Justice Bird and Associate Justices Mosk and Newman concurred in the opinion. The only dissent came from Associate Justice Clark.

---Press Release

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NOTICE

By request, the newsletter will hold off publishing the supplement to the Resource Reference List for one more month. Please submit corrections, additions, deletions to PO Box 2023, Culver City, CA 90230 no later than October 10th, 1979.



Los Angeles Chapter Lesbian Rights Taskforce

There will be NO Business Meeting in October, 'cause the first weekend will find us all at the Bonaventure Hotel in Los Angeles for the National Convention of the National Organization for Women. If you're a N.O.W. member, be there — if you're not a N.O.W. member, join with a bang!

The Program Meeting for October 19th will be fun and games after the hard work (?) of the convention. If you play an instrument, bring it and we'll sing along, if you don't, just bring you!

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By: Carol Urist

HR2074: Representatives Henry Waxman (D-CA) and Ted Weiss (D-NY) have introduced legislation to protect Gays in housing, employment, federally funded programs and public facilities. It is co-sponsored by 38 other members of the house of representatives.

HR166: Introduced by Congressman McDonald (D-GA), this is an anti-Gay resolution rather than an amendment. It would prohibit special protection for Gays. Christian Voice, a nonpartisan lobbying organization with a 3 million dollar budget for 1980, is the backer, masking it as employers rights to discriminate against employees and applicants. McDonald is a leader of the John Birch Society. Voice alleges 100,000 members representing 40 denominations. Voice has opposed the ERA. This bill is a serious threat.

---C.U.

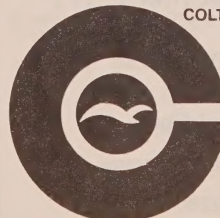
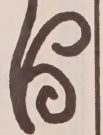
NATIONAL NEWS SHORTS

A second Retreat for Gay Women has been scheduled for Nov. 9-11 under the sponsorship of Dignity/Milwaukee. The weekend is open to all women of all faiths "who do or have shared the Gay Christian experience." The site of the retreat will be Siena Center on Lake Michigan. For additional information, contact PO Box 597, Milwaukee, WI 53201 or call (414) 961-1965 . . .

The Gertrude Stein Democratic Club of Washington, D.C., is opposing President Carter's nomination of Reubin Askew to the cabinet—level office of Special Representative for Trade Negotiations. Mr. Askew went out of his way to ally himself with Anita Bryant's Dade County campaign against the basic rights of Gays. The Club is urging Gay political groups around the country to write the U.S. Senate Finance Committee opposing Mr. Askew's confirmation . . .

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Leaders of Roman Catholic women seeking equal rights in the church said they were "outraged by the decision of the Vatican" not to let women share in distributing communion at Masses to be celebrated in this country by Pope John Paul II. The three-woman leadership team of the Women's Ordination Conference, which seeks admission of women to the priesthood, said the decision undermines the common practice in this country...

A pamphlet of tips for the non-librarian on how to get Gay materials into libraries is now available from the Gay Task Force of the American Library Association. Called "Censored, Ignored, Overlooked, Too Expensive? How to Get Gay Materials Into Libraries," the pamphlet may be obtained for \$1 prepaid to Barbara Gittings, GTF, PO Box 2383, Philadelphia, PA 19103...

Opinion

OPEN LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

Dear Sisters,

I'd like to share with you some of my experience of the

Advocate Experience (AX) weekend (I attended in July). The AX weekend is an experience in consciousness and self-awareness. The purpose is to assist lesbians and gay men in making our lives work better by experiencing a series of processes or exercises that deal with our barriers to ourselves and others. The weekend was incredible for me. I got to go through my fear of being really close to people (women or men), my fear of being rejected, and my anger at the way I have experienced the world interacting with me as both a lesbian and a woman. What I got out of the weekend was how incredible my capacity for love is and a real sense of my enormous positive personal power.

An issue for me in my life has been that I am in the Air Force and there is a regulation which prohibits "homosexual behavior" or even associating with "known homosexuals". As a result of the Advocate Experience weekend, I saw how important it is to me to have integrity in my life. In order to clean up the part of my life where I hadn't been acting with complete integrity, I came out to my boss and to the whole Air Force system. A heavy weight has now been lifted off my shoulders. I am now in the midst of being kicked out. And many very exciting things have happened: The individuals I have come in contact with in the system have been amazingly supportive - people high up in the Air Force structure are doing whatever they can to let me stay in (which is fine with me). And I will probably be kicked out even so (which is also fine). These people who have been dealing with me on this issue are examining their lives, their integrity, and their relationships with the Air Force as a result of having come in contact with me. What is exciting for me is that this has laid more groundwork for the changing of the discriminatory regulations. Also, since the AX weekend, career opportunities have blossomed, so if I am kicked out my life will be just great. This is all my own little miracle and I'm not about to say what you could get by doing the Advocate Experience weekend. What I'm aware of is that there is value for anyone who chooses to do it.

As with anything of value, there is a cost. The AX weekend costs \$250.00. I know this seems like a lot, but it was the best \$250 I have ever spent. Also, there is a scholarship fund available if you truly feel you can't swing the \$250.00.

I'm aware this may seem like a pretty heavy sales pitch. I want you to know that no one needs to experience this and it is available for you to enhance your life. Please call me if you want to talk about anything I've said or if you want more information on the Advocate Experience, or if you want to attend a guest event to learn more about the experience and those who've taken it. My phone number is 477-0324. You may also choose to call the Advocate Experience office direct. That number is 653-9870.

With love to my sisters,
Jody Hoenninger

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AN OPEN LETTER TO LESBIAN TEACHERS

In June of 1976, a notice went out to the Gay and Lesbian media about forming a Gay/Lesbian teacher support group in greater Los Angeles. The response to that notice was entirely male. Since then the Gay male/Lesbian teacher ratio for the group has been about ten to one.

Due to the work of the Gay teacher groups in Los Angeles and San Francisco, the realities of Gay male teachers have been given a fair amount of exposure with school boards, teacher unions and associations, and in the classrooms.

The question always asked is "Are there any Lesbian teachers, and if so, where are they?" It seems that as more and more Gay male teachers come out of the closet, this question is being asked more and more. Over the years teachers, male and female, have proposed the following theories:

- 1) One or two Lesbians come to the Gay teacher meetings and see no other women there. They feel isolated and so they never show up again.
- 2) Gay male teachers are sexist and anti-women; therefore, why should Lesbian teachers work with them.
- 3) Active Lesbian teachers like Lesbians in general identify more with the women's movement than with the Gay movement, so they direct their energies accordingly.
- 4) Because of general sexism in our society, a man, Gay or not, who loses his job could more easily find a new one than could a Lesbian. Lesbian teachers, therefore, must stay in the closet more than Gay male teachers.
- 5) Since Lesbian life styles are more discreet than Gay male life styles, Lesbians are not as insecure as Gay men and, therefore, do not need a support group as much as Gay male teachers.
- 6) Some Lesbian teachers have custody of children and the only way to retain this is to remain very closeted.
- 7) Many Gay males see in teaching a way of having a substitute family. Far fewer Lesbians feel this way, especially since many of them have children; so the percentage of Lesbians attracted to teaching is smaller than it is for Gay men.
- 8) According to Kinsey and other statistics, there are only half as many Lesbians as Gay men; so there are likely to be far fewer Lesbian teachers than Gay male teachers.

Some of these theories seem logical, others are questionable. We invite responses from the community on this whole issue.

Norman McClelland
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- Every Sunday
- 5:00 PM — Lesbians of Color, Alcoholism Center for Women, 1147 S. Alvarado, Los Angeles (381-7805)
 - 6:30 PM — M C C West Bay Church Services, 1260 18th St., Santa Monica (450-6670)
 - 8:00 PM — Lesbian Raps, CSU Northridge Women's Center, 9428 Etiwanda, Northridge (885-2780)
 - 8:30 PM — KPFK, 90.7 FM, Lesbian Sisters or I.M.R.U.
- Every Monday
- 7:30 PM — Alternative to A.A., Womonspace, 237 Hill St., Santa Monica. Not for those who need detoxification or therapy. A creative dialogue/feminist support on the part alcohol plays in our lives. Open to all women; facilitated by Betty Shoemaker (484-9988)
- Every Tuesday
- 6:00 PM — Battered Woman's Legal Clinic, Womonspace, 237 Hill St., Santa Monica (399-9813)
- Every Wednesday
- 6:30 PM — Volleyball at the Beach, sponsored by Womonspace, Meet at the courts at the end of Ocean Park Blvd., S.M.
 - 7:00 PM — ERA Work Party, San Fernando Valley N.O.W., North Hollywood YWCA, 5703 Laurel Canyon Blvd., North Hollywood (884-7042)
- Every Thursday
- 7:00 PM — Radical Therapy Open Group, Womonspace, 237 Hill St., Santa Monica, \$2 for unemployed, \$5 employed but no woman turned away for lack of funds
 - 7:30 PM — Women's Rap Group of Ventura, meets at a private home in Ventura. Call for location and details (Keri, (805) 659-2639)

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Sunday, September 30

7:30 PM — Yom Kippur Service, Beth Chayim Chadashim, at 5249 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City (931-5308)

Monday, October 1

9:30 AM — Yom Kippur Service, Beth Chayim Chadashim, at 5249 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City (931-5308)

Tuesday, October 2

7:30 PM — L.A. March on Washington Committee, MCC All Saints, 1067 N. Fairfax, 3rd floor (GOMARCH)

7:30 PM — Mary Daly Study Group begins, Gay Community Services Center, 1213 N. Highland Ave., Los Angeles (464-7400)

7:30 PM — Creative Exploration Workshop begins, Gay Comm. Serv. Center, 1213 N. Highland Ave., Los Angeles (464-7400)

Friday, October 6

7:30 PM — Jewish Feminist Group, Womonspace, 237 Hill St., Santa Monica (Simone, 473-9090)

8:00 PM — Honor Moore Poetry Reading, The Woman's Bldg., 1727 N. Spring St., Los Angeles, \$4 (221-6161)

Saturday, October 6

10:00 AM — Two-day Workshop with Honor Moore and Victoria Rue, "Women Writing/Women Telling," a writing and performance workshop, The Woman's Bldg., 1727 N. Spring St., Los Angeles, 2-days, \$35 (221-6161)

3:00 PM — Gay Voices and Visions: The Politics of Gay Enspiration Workshop begins, Gay Community Services Center, 1213 N. Highland Ave., Los Angeles (464-7400)

8:00 PM — Bon Voyage Party for March on Washington Participants, Dancing (Disco + oldies), booze, fun. Sponsored by the San Gabriel Valley Coalition for Human Rights with proceeds to the Gay Freedom Band and the M.O.W. Comm. Troupers Hall, 1625 N. La Brea, Los Angeles, \$1 donation

Sunday, October 7

1:00 PM — Sukkot Potluck, Beth Chayim Chadashim, call for location and what to bring (931-5308)

Tuesday, October 9

7:30 PM — L.A. March on Washington Committee, All Saints M C C, 1067 N. Fairfax, 3rd floor (GOMARCH)

Saturday, October 13

7:00 PM — Simhat Torah — The Procession of the Torah Buffet, Beth Chayim Chadashim, food, dancing fun, at the completed Temple, 6000 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles (931-5308)

Sunday, October 14

6:30 PM — Support Event for the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, bring flashlight and friends to either side of the Santa Monica pier (on the beach), watch for monitor's signals to light up

Monday, October 15

7:00 PM — Coming Out Group for Women begins, Gay Community Services Center, 1213 N. Highland Ave., Los Angeles (464-7400)

Wednesday, October 17

8:00 PM — Sexuality Myth-Information Workshop, Lee Risemberg, Bisexual Male Surrogate, 7136 Matilija Ave., Van Nuys, \$6 includes refreshments, social hour (873-3700, 989-3700)

Saturday, October 20

8:00 PM — Fundraiser performance of hit musical ON THE AIR, sponsored by the California Human Rights Advocates, Cast Theatre, 804 El Centro, Los Angeles, \$12 from Rob Jurina, 1348 N. Curson Ave., LA 90046 (874-0640)

Sunday, October 21

12:00 N — Lesbian News General Meeting, Pot Luck Lunch and distribution, all women welcome, 3189 Cheviot Vista Place, No. 208, Los Angeles (near Overland and National) (837-6874)

7:00 PM — "First Words," poetry reading by Joy Fisher, Charlotte Goshorn and Betty Mathis, Page One Bookstore, 42 N. Lake Ave., Pasadena. No charge (792-9011)

Saturday, October 27

8:00 PM — Halloween Dance sponsored by Lesbians of Color, The Church in Ocean Park, 235 Hill St., Santa Monica. Prize for best costume, benefit for Lesbians of Color Coffee House. \$2 donation, child care provided

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